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Victoria Daily Times

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The War Today

By H. M. PETERS

RAIDERS

Besides the German raider which shelled the Pacific Island of Nauru, it is believed there are two other German raiders now operating in the Pacific.

From Manila today comes the report of 12 more German raiders now being fitted with guns in Japanese ports to prey on British shipping in the Pacific. Increase in the number of German raiders, it is feared, is going to give the Canadian navy a real Pacific problem, if and when the raiders become bold enough to approach British Columbia shores. Shipping men pray that the Navy Department at Ottawa will wake up in time to the fact that there is a Pacific, too.

JETTISONS PROMISE

"Mussolini, I shall never forget this," Hitler cabled his Axis partner in 1938 when Italy stood aside and let Nazi Germany overrun Austria.

But today the Associated Press reporter in Budapest reported a growing feeling in the Balkans that Hitler has decided to let that promise join the rest of his broken pledges.

This reporter quoted authoritative sources as saying Germany would attempt to attack Greece only if Britain should attempt to land an expeditionary force in that kingdom for an invasion of central Europe.

PEACE WITH FRANCE?

Further, Germany was reported as ready to make peace with France in the event of an Italian collapse, and that Hitler only agreed to Mussolini's attack on Greece because he wished to divert Italy's attention from France, where Mussolini had hoped for large slices of the African empire as well as Corsica and Nice.

How much of this will be borne out by developments remains, of course, to be seen. Budapest has been notorious for months as a sounding board for sensational rumor, some confirmed, some not. But it was interesting that this latest rumor came on the same day that the London Daily Express reported Hitler had given his peace terms to the Vichy government of unoccupied France.

DARLAN BUSY

Apparently Admiral Darlan, one of the bitterest anti-British members of the Petain government, has taken Pierre Laval's place as negotiator of French-German collaboration. Darlan has been in Paris, where he presumably received Hitler's demands.

The Daily Express, which got



DEANNA SETS THE DATE — Wedding date of June 7 is set by Deanna Durbin, film actress, and Vaughn Paul, above, at an engagement party in Hollywood attended by 250 guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Durbin, the star's parents.

Final Bulletins

GREEK SUBMARINE SINKS 3 ITALIANS

ATHENS (AP)—A Greek submarine attacked an Italian convoy in the Adriatic and sank three steamships totalling between 25,000 and 30,000 tons, it was officially announced tonight.

When the submarine Papanicols encountered the enemy ships it found they were guarded by Italian destroyers, but it fired all its torpedoes at effective range, then returned home safely.

Its information by way of Lisbon, said France would be allowed to "collaborate" in the "new order" in Europe on these conditions:

1. Surrender of the remainder of its fleet to Italy, along with the naval base of Bizerta, in Tunisia.
2. German occupation of the Mediterranean ports of Toulon and Marseilles.
3. Demobilization of Gen. Weygand's army in Africa and Syria.

Everything that is known of Marshal Petain's aims for France indicates such terms would be rejected instantly were they in fact made to him.

Blast Ports, Guns

LONDON (CP)—British bombers battered the German "invasion" ports and artillery positions along the French coast tonight.

Up until almost 9 p.m. Nazi raiders had not visited London. The heavy pounding of the ports followed two attacks on the docks of Lorient in Nazi-occupied France during daylight hours today.

Lone Nazi Raider

LONDON (CP)—Bombs dropped on the port of Southampton by a lone raiding plane this afternoon caused "some damage," the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security announced this evening.

"There was very little enemy air activity over this country today," the communique added.

Hungarians Learn Envoy to U.S. Quits

Budapest (AP)—Resignation November 28 of John Pelenyi after seven years as Hungarian minister in Washington finally was broken to the Hungarian public today by the government-controlled press.

Flood of Suggestions For Roosevelt Address

WASHINGTON (AP)—As President Roosevelt worked this afternoon on the radio address he will make tomorrow night, a White House secretary said a great number of suggestions on what he should say about national defence and aid to Britain were coming from all parts of the United States.

Stephen Early, Presidential press secretary, classified some of them as evidently inspired by organization work and others as being spontaneous pleas from individuals.

Asked about a statement by Senator Burton Wheeler (Democrat, Montana) that the White

House was giving publicity before the speech only to warlike appeals, Early said "we are not getting anything from anyone, except from an individual or two, who does not want to give aid to Britain."

The President, seizing the fullest opportunity to work on his speech, had only two engagements today.

William Phillips, Ambassador to Italy, called to say goodbye before starting back to his Rome post, and William S. Knudsen, defence administration chief, conferred with him on ship construction.

The cabinet was reported to have made an exhaustive review

of the defence equipment production program and to have discussed appeals to the President that he speak out boldly on the chances of a British defeat and what this would mean to the United States.

Roosevelt to Appear Before Congress

It was learned officially the President will deliver his annual legislative message to Congress in person before a joint session on Monday, January 6. The new Congress will convene on Friday, January 3.

Further opposition to President Roosevelt's "lend-lease" plan of

furnishing war supplies to Britain developed today, with Senator Wheeler announcing he would broadcast his objections to the proposal Monday night. The speech will be carried at 7:30 p.m. P.S.T. over a National Broadcasting Company hook-up.

Britain's Cash Position Explored

Meanwhile a preliminary audit of British resources in the United States has revealed, authoritative sources disclosed today, that Great Britain will run out of cash to pay for purchases of arms and munitions here in the early autumn of next year.

The examination made by U.S.

treasury experts, established that the end of cash payments is approaching, it was stated. A more detailed study of the British treasury's "balance sheet" now is under way.

The British government now is paying for war supplies with gold shipped from London, payments for British goods, and receipts from the sale here of British-owned dollar securities.

Well-informed sources said the British treasury's balance sheet showed that Britain would be able to pay cash for all ships, planes and other war implements and supplies now on order, but could not pay cash for the tremendous orders which Britain wants to place immediately.

12 German Ships Being Fitted In Nippon

Nazi Raiders Operate From Japan

SHANGHAI (AP)—Two German merchant vessels equipped as raiders are said to have sailed recently from Kobe, Japan, and it is believed small German freighters which left Shanghai last week may have been carrying supplies for the raiders. Manila today reports 12 German raiders being fitted out in Japanese ports.

Travelers returning from Hongkong said Nazi raiders had sunk more than 20 Norwegian ships and attacked a number of British vessels recently in the Indian Ocean. Only one sinking has been confirmed independently—that of the 8,310-ton Norwegian tanker Ole Jacob, reported December 12 to have been captured in the Indian Ocean by a German raider flying the Union Jack and to have

been brought into Kobe by a prize crew.

Passengers aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Asia reported that on her last voyage to Hongkong two weeks ago the ship took four days instead of the customary two, going far off her course and zig-zagging constantly.

British naval sources refused to discuss the situation.

Hoisted Swastika In Nauru Attack

MELBOURNE (CP-Reuters)—The mystery sea raider which shelled the Pacific island of Nauru yesterday hoisted the German flag before opening fire, it was disclosed today.

An Australian government announcement had said the raider bore a Japanese name and flew

the Japanese flag before the attack.

Navy Minister W. M. Hughes, who made today's announcement, said the raider appeared just before dawn off the 5,400-acre Guano Island, in the equatorial Pacific, and signalled with its Morse lamp:

"Do not use wireless or I will shoot mast down. I am going to shoot at stores and phosphate jetties."

Mr. Hughes said the instructions were obeyed and the wireless station was left intact. The raider fired on loading equipment, stores and fuel tanks, but left private houses untouched.

Nauru has a population of slightly fewer than 3,500. Formerly a German possession, it has been under British mandate since 1920.

No Change In Butter Prices

Farmers, Retailers Think Order Unfair

Butter prices remained unchanged in Canada today. There will be no decreases at least until retail merchants have sold stock on hand.

In Ottawa, Hector MacKinnon, chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, said the board in putting out its order Friday for a 2-cent-a-pound cut was not ruling that a dealer must take a loss on butter he had purchased at a price higher than the wholesale price as of December 12.

LEFT TO RETAILER

"It is in his own discretion whether or not he wishes to reduce his price to the consumer and take a loss on the butter he already has in store, and for which he paid a higher price than that at which the wholesale price has been pegged," Mr. MacKinnon said.

He added it was expected competition would take care of the retail price situation. Some dealers would lower their prices and others would follow suit and, in any case, retail prices would come down as new stocks of butter at the pegged price came into the hands of the retailers.

Mr. MacKinnon said the board was not planning a meeting with representatives of the trade.

NO NOTICES

He said individual notices were not being sent to dealers as the board had no way of knowing all the persons engaged in buying and selling butter. The board announced its ruling through the press and expected all dealers would know about it.

The butter trade was slightly

speculative, particularly in recent weeks, he said. All persons engaged in it must have known that the price might be fixed at any time and it was not expected many dealers would carry large stocks.

A general price reduction of between 2 and 3 cents a pound all across Canada would be the result of the order, Mr. MacKinnon anticipated.

CRITICIZES ORDER

Hon. P. M. Dewar, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, said today he could see "no sound reason" for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board pegging the wholesale price of butter at the maximum wholesale price prevailing in each locality last December 12.

"If they are going to put a top price on the market, they should also put a bottom price on it," Mr. Dewar added. "The farmers have been operating under a great deal of difficulty and it does not seem right that, as soon as they begin to get a reasonable return for their products, the price should be pegged."

H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and secretary of the United Farmers of Ontario, said:

"We regard the fixing of butter prices at three or four cents below the current maximum as one more case of unfair discrimination against the Canadian farmer."

"A protest will undoubtedly be made from every province in Canada to the Dominion government. That is as far as I think it is desired to go at the moment."

6 FACE WINNIPEG BOOTLEG CHARGES

WINNIPEG (CP)—Charges of conspiracy to defraud the government by the manufacture and distribution of illicit liquor through western Canada were laid today by Royal Canadian Mounted Police against six men, three in Winnipeg and three who are being brought back from Saskatchewan.

The Winnipeg men were Paul Stanley, Duke Sorokowski and Pete Balicki. The three being returned from Saskatchewan were Jake Gorman, John V. Reifstuck and Albert Nesserdeen.

2 Men Killed

EGREMONT, Alta. (CP)—Two persons were shot to death, another shot through the head and not expected to live and a fourth seriously wounded in a shooting affray at a farm home three miles west of here today. Egremont is 50 miles north of Edmonton.

The dead are Steve Andrusky and Andrew Moskowsky, district farmers. Mrs. Steve Andrusky was shot through the head and her son Paul Andrusky, 16, shot in the shoulder. Mrs. Andrusky's condition was so serious she could not be moved from her farm home where the shootings occurred. Paul was taken to hospital at Redway.

CHRISTMAS LIQUOR BILL IN CITY \$65,000

Victorians spent in the neighborhood of \$65,000 for Christmas at the government liquor stores. Officials of the Liquor Control Board said today the Christmas business showed an increase over last year, although final figures have not yet been compiled.

To Train Youths

Eight weeks' training will be extended to 100 youths from all parts of British Columbia when the second annual rural leadership training course commences January 20 at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.



HOW BRITISH BLASTED ITALIANS—The British lightning attack and capture of Nibelwa, strong Italian desert fortress in western Egypt, created "hell on earth," according to a captured Italian officer. What he meant is spectacularly shown in this photo of a previous British assault on Fort Maddalena, another Italian stronghold. The fort is almost hidden by smoke and flame. The explosion of a huge shell, which just missed radio tower at left, sends skyward a geyser of smoke and debris.

FOR THE TROOPS

DANCE TONIGHT
Dance, floor show and entertainment at Hostess House, from 8 to 12.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT
Cheer-up concert at Chamber of Commerce auditorium, at 8. Sing-song and refreshments at Y.M.C.A., from 9 to 10.

Open house at Britannia Branch, Canadian Legion, afternoon and evening.

Motion picture show at Hostess House, Fort Street. House will be open daily from 3 to 11, with dancing every night from 7:30 to 11.

MONDAY

Y.W.C.A. Christmas party at Shrine Hall during the evening.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE
Invitation dance, January 3, at Chamber of Commerce auditorium, under the arrangement of Civic Celebration Committee. Tickets available from Alderman W. H. Davies, 1008 Broad Street, or at City Hall.

OPEN HOUSE AT 'Y'

Open house from 2 to 5, New Year's Day, Program and refreshments.

Roosevelt Talk

6:30 p.m. Sunday
President Roosevelt's "fireside chat" in which he is expected to discuss United States aid to Britain, will be carried by all American and Canadian networks, to be heard 6:30 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Victoria time.

New Naval Officers

OTTAWA (CP)—Naval service headquarters today announced 41 probationary paymaster sub-lieutenants and paymaster lieutenants will go to Halifax January 1 for an accountants' training course of six weeks.

8 MONTHS TO PAY COMPANIES TAX

OTTAWA (CP)—Revenue Minister Gibson today announced the extension to corporations of the new interest-free installment plan for income tax payments by which, like individual taxpayers, all corporations whose business year ends on or after November 30 will have eight months in which to pay their tax.

In all cases, however, the first payment will be due one month from the close of the company's fiscal year. Those corporations whose year ended November 30, therefore, will have to make their first payment by December 31 in order to take advantage of the eight-months budget scheme.

How to Find Comet

If you have been disappointed so far in trying to see Cunningham's comet, you needn't be any longer, for now it has reached a brightness that makes it visible to the naked eye.

Just after dark, look directly west and you will see a star—the lowest bright star in that direction. It's called Altair, but you needn't worry about that. The comet is just to the right of Altair and a little higher. During the next few weeks, as it gets still brighter, it will move under the star.

Don't expect to see it in competition with the bright lights of the city. Run out in the country in your car where you have a clear view to the west. Then turn off your car lights, and look.

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GAYDA 'CAUTIONS' UNITED STATES

ROME (AP)—Virginio Gayda, the highly-placed Italian editor, today warned American "interventionists" that if they sent supply convoys to Britain by way of neutral Ireland they would start "a spread of the conflict from Europe and the north Atlantic to the western hemisphere, the southern Atlantic and the Pacific."

In Il Giornale D'Italia, Gayda wrote editorially that Japan, under her three-power pact with Italy and Germany, "is watchful and would not allow, without immediate reaction, extension of the European and Asiatic conflict."

(Japan, Italy and Germany are pledged to come to each other's aid if any one of them is "attacked" by a power not now party to the wars in the western or eastern worlds. This pact is considered generally to be directed against the United States.)

For this reason, Gayda went on, he did not see "exactly what interest American interventionists have in creating an open conflict between continents."

Sending of ships to Ireland with supplies for Britain, he said, would be "an open violation of neutrality and therefore signify initiative of the United States in intervention in the war."

The "direct responsibility" for Axis "reaction" would fall on the Washington government, Gayda wrote.

(No such proposal is under consideration. Prime Minister de Valera has appealed to the United States for help in getting supplies to Eire for Eire's own use.)

Japanese Deny Pressure on France

TOKYO (AP)—Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka today said "Japan is in great sympathy with the present hard plight of France and has not the slightest intention of taking advantage."

Speaking at a formal luncheon given for the French and French Indo-China economic missions now here, the Foreign Minister said Japan "is faced with pressing needs" which make a full understanding necessary in order that the "closest possible co-operation between the two countries may be realized."

(Japan signed as a partner in the Rome-Berlin Axis after the fall of France.)

He said "earnestly hoped that Indo-China would cooperate in establishing the stabilization and prosperity of east Asia."

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British Increase Blows to Keep Sea Open as London Again Bombed

LONDON (CP)—After one of the heaviest night bombing attacks of the war on London, reports today told of blows by Britain's own bombing planes at Hitler's "invasion" ports along 1,000 miles of Nazi-occupied coast from the Bay of Biscay to the fjords of Norway.

Navy dive bombers joined the Royal Air Force in raids on shipping, docks and air and sea bases while available units of the fleet kept a weather eye on the second big problem — maintenance of transoceanic supply lines.

"The shipping situation worries us as much as the threat of invasion," one source said. "We are running as much chance of being choked by the blockade before United States aid reaches its peak as we are of being knocked out by an invasion."

"You can take it we're not going to be diverted from the job of countering these two real dangers flat-out by any sideshow such as the reported German troop movements in the Balkans—whether that's a real move to strengthen the German position there or merely a red herring."

Must Keep Ships With Cargoes Moving

The Evening Standard, owned by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, said:

"It is plain that Hitler's whole and urgent purpose is to batter down the defences of Britain before the next summer," and added that "the people of Britain are at this moment dependent for their lives on keeping the sea roads clear enough of bandits to let a percentage of traffic pass."

Number Killed In London Homes

Wave after wave of German bombers attacked London last night in a raid which, while it lasted, equaled in intensity any in the past. For four hours the raiders flew over, dropping incendiaries and then heavy explosives in district after district. It was the first raid on London in three nights.

A government statement acknowledged that a number of people were killed and that many dwellings were destroyed or damaged.

"There were several fires, but

they were all quickly and efficiently dealt with, and many of them were extinguished while the raid was still in progress," said the communique.

"A few bombs also were dropped in East Anglia and south-east England and at one point on the south coast."

A daylight survey of damage showed one church which seats 1,000 persons was gutted and a hotel in an adjacent thoroughfare was destroyed by a heavy bomb. Many houses nearby were wrecked.

Eleven persons were rescued alive from an underground shelter beneath a block of houses. A number were believed to have been killed.

A woman in an adjoining shelter said:

"We could hear them screaming for help, but couldn't do anything. Men were trying to hack their way through the wall dividing the shelters, but war-dogs came and told them to stop because the entire shelter might collapse."

The Nazi airmen began their forays on London just after dusk. Just before midnight the all-

clear signal sounded. One rescue worker told of digging out a girl, 14, whose dead mother was beside her.

"She kept calling to us where she was," the worker said. "We finally uncovered her with her face lying near the fire, which was still burning in the grate. She kept saying: 'Mum is just behind me.' Her mother must have been killed instantly."

Hospital Damaged But No Casualties

A London hospital housing 700 patients was damaged by two high-explosive bombs which fell near by, but no one was hurt.

Through it all Londoners carried on, buses ran, trains clanked and puffed into stations and main thoroughfares were never completely deserted.

For nearly two hours at the height of the raid there was scarcely a moment when the air was not full of the roar of London's guns about the city's outskirts. At times they seemed to be all firing at the same time.

Germans Claim

BERLIN (AP)—The German

high command communique for Saturday follows:

"One submarine, of whose recent successes partial results already have been announced, reported sinking four armed enemy merchant ships totaling 24,340 tons. Another submarine sank the armed British merchant ship Walotira, 12,823 tons.

(The Walotira wireless she was being torpedoed Thursday 400 miles northwest of Ireland. Otherwise there was no confirmation of German claims.)

"After the Christmas holiday quiet, air reconnaissance and fighting activity of the German air force set in again in the course of December 27.

"One scout hit an enemy merchant ship of approximately 8,000 to 10,000 tons with two heavy calibre bombs east of the Thames mouth.

"Last night larger units of German combat planes attacked London with numerous incendiary bombs and explosives of all calibres. Violent explosions and large fires in the centre and eastern sections of the city proved the strong effect of the raid."

De Gaulle Issues Call to All Compatriots

French Warships, Officers Go To Africa

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—travelers arriving from occupied France today reported they had been reliably informed that Chief of State Philippe Petain had authorized a number of French naval officers to spend "vacations" in North Africa and that several French warships already had sailed from Toulon for North Africa.

The travelers connected these moves with Marshal Petain's "unabated decision to rule France himself, free from foreign impositions"—to use their words.

"Petain would rather become a prisoner himself than give in to

demands he considers against the interests of France, such as allowing foreign troops to pass through unoccupied territory," they declared.

(The Paris radio announced today that General Auguste Nogues, governor-general of French Morocco, and "his collaborators" had returned to Casablanca from an official visit to Vichy. The announcement was heard by the Columbia Broadcasting System at New York.

(The Petain cabinet met today, according to a Vichy dispatch, and it was expected the ministers would hear a report by Navy Minister Jean Darlan on his Christ-

mas trip to occupied France where, according to Switzerland said, he delivered a personal letter from Marshal Petain to Hitler. This letter was understood to have outlined the basis on which Vichy would agree to collaboration with Germany.)

Quick Victory If French United

LONDON (CP)—General Charles de Gaulle said in a broadcast speech tonight that if North Africa, Syria and the French fleet were fighting for France the Mediterranean battle would end at once in a great French victory.

"If French Africa arises at last to make war we shall bring our part of the Empire to co-operate with her," the leader of "free" French forces declared.

"All French leaders, whatever may have been their mistakes, who will decide to draw the sword which they sheathed, shall find us by their side without excluding anyone and without any thought of ambition."

The general added that "with the Huns in Paris, Bordeaux, Lille, Rheims and Strasbourg and with the Italians pretending to dictate their will to the French nation, there is nothing else to do than fight."

Not Satisfactory Nazi Leaders Say

BERLIN (AP)—Nazi spokesman said today that "associations" between Vichy and Berlin have not been straightened out "satisfactorily."

They said the present relationship had not been endangered by the French cabinet shake-up, but added: "The question of the future, namely, co-operation as contemplated and planned with Pierre Laval (ousted French vice-premier and foreign minister), cannot be discussed at present."

German-French Peace If Italy Collapses

No Early Nazi Blow at Greece

By ROBERT B PARKER

BUDAPEST (AP)—With the advance guard of a new Nazi expedition of 300,000 troops already rolling eastward across Hungary, authoritative sources reported today that Germany plans to move against Greece by way of Bulgaria only if Britain tries to use Greece as the starting point for an invasion of central Europe.

Germany, these sources reported, will not make any move to aid the Italian forces now fighting the Greeks in Albania if Britain refrains from landing troops in Greece.

Germany was understood by these sources to have let it be known in the Balkans that in the event of Italian collapse as the result of a Greek victory, the Nazis would hasten to make a definite peace with France.

It was stated authoritatively in these circles that Hitler agreed to let Mussolini attack Greece last October only because he wished to divert Italy's attention from beaten France.

Germany was said to have been considerably embarrassed by Italian clamor for slices of French territory when Hitler reportedly wished to give Marshal Petain, French Chief of State, easy terms.

The debacle in Albania, far from disquieting Germany, has made Italy keep quiet about demands in France, these sources said.

They asserted Hitler was prepared to make a full settlement with France, with only the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine changing hands, if Italy collapses.

Possible Action By Weygand

Petain was understood to have told the Nazis that in case the German terms were "unreasonable," he would cut north Africa loose, with Gen. Maxime Weygand taking a large colonial army into the ranks of Gen. Charles de Gaulle's Free French forces and moving against Italian Libya from Tunisia in co-ordination with the current British action from Egypt.

Mass movements of German troops and war materials to Rumania, which, it is estimated by observers, will give the Nazis nearly 500,000 men there by the end of January, were designed

chiefly as an insurance measure, it was reported here.

Concentration of Nazi troops in southwestern Rumania was expected in some quarters to put great pressure on Yugoslavia, possibly aimed at forcing the Belgrade government to accede to German wishes.

Plan to Influence Russian Moves

These troop concentrations also were said to be designed as a brake on reported Soviet Russian designs to occupy Moldavia and the mouths of the Danube, as well as giving Turkey reason to think twice about fulfilling her treaty with Britain or increasing her help to Greece.

The Soviets were reported to have moved 30 crack divisions into Bessarabia on the Rumanian frontier.

It was said authoritatively that King Boris of Bulgaria informed Hitler during the monarch's re-

Siege of Bardia Tightened

British Tally of Prisoners In Libya Nears 38,500

CAIRO (AP)—British general headquarters announced today 38,114 prisoners taken in the great offensive against Italian Libya had been counted.

They included 24,845 Italian officers and other ranks, the communique said. The remainder were non-Italian soldiers.

The British authorities said that "the concentration of our forces investing Bardia is proceeding smoothly, while our artillery continues to harass the Italian garrison."

Bardia is a frontier base, just within Libya, now in its 13th day of siege. Captured Italian soldiers said Mussolini himself had ordered the garrison to be "ready to die rather than give up."

British Operate West of Bardia

"Operations by our mobile detachments to clear the country to the westward are proceeding," a British communique said.

Four more guns were captured south of Bardia.

Italian prisoners predicted that Bardia would become a "second Alcazar."

They referred to the 10-week defence during the Spanish civil war of Spain's military school at Toledo by Gen. Franco's forces, which ultimately were rescued. But the Italians at Bardia apparently hold little hope of history repeating itself in another rescue.

The prisoners said Marshal Graziani, the Italian commander in north Africa, was hurriedly strengthening defences at Tobruk, 50 miles to the west of Bardia, in preparation for an expected British attack there.

British officers regard the fall of Bardia, stubbornly held by its "sacred garrison" of 20,000 Italian troops, as inevitable.

Navy Ready To Shell Retreat

Even if the Italians should slice

Turkey Watches Russian Moves

ISTANBUL (AP)—The first Turkish reaction to movement of a new German army into Rumania, disclosed three days ago, appeared in the press today with emphasis that the situation was of direct concern to Soviet Russia as well as Balkan countries.

The newspaper Aksham, which often speaks the government's mind, said that if Germany's move was not directed against the Balkans it could only be directed against Russia.

The newspaper said Russia was not pleased when Germany first sent troops to Rumania, and "a large number now can only further damage German-Soviet relations."

"Each German action in the Balkans brings not only the danger of shattering all Balkan peace," it said, "but also brings the threat of seriously affronting the Soviets."

Greeks Dominate Tepeleni

ATHENS (AP)—Greeks besieging Tepeleni on the middle Albania battlefield were reported today to have wrested domination of the town from the Italians with bayonet charges and shell fire.

"Crumbling" Italian resistance had brought the battle to the "decisive stage," Greek dispatches said.

Italian artillery was said to be withdrawing from elevated positions back of the town, while "the action of our own artillery is crushing the enemy."

"Their forts were literally destroyed by the continuous pounding of our guns," one dispatch said.

"Our infantrymen stormed enemy lines with bayonets."

"The morale of the Italians is low as a result of the artillery fire. They could not face the bayonets and retreated."

Take Prisoners And Equipment

"Many prisoners were captured and mortars, machine guns, rifles and other material, horses and mules have fallen into our hands."

Cyrenaican (Libyan) frontier zone there was artillery fire. In an action in combination with our air force, one of our fast columns destroyed an enemy mechanized detachment, capturing its crew.

"A naval unit carried out artillery action along the coast against armored detachments, dispersing enemy nuclei and reducing motor-transported artillery to silence."

"Our bombing planes continued to keep the enemy front line bases and mechanized equipment under their effective attacks during daylight yesterday and the preceding night."

"Our fighter planes maintained lively combats with those of the enemy. One of our planes hit a 5,000-ton steamer in the Mediterranean with a torpedo and sank it."

"Altogether three enemy fighter planes were shot down. One of our bombers failed to return."

(There was no confirmation of any of these Italian claims of successes in north Africa. The latest R.A.F. report announced no British planes had been lost while two Italian machines were shot down.)



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The communique listed "many automatic weapons and mortars" among the equipment reported captured.

The Ministry of Home Security announced Italian warplanes had bombed a town in the Epirus sector of northwestern Greece yesterday, but said there were "no casualties or damage."

Italians Say Attacks Repulsed

ROME (AP)—An Italian high command communique today said:

"On the Greek front, enemy attacks have been repulsed by our decisive reaction. Some prisoners and automatic arms have been captured."

"Bombing fighter formations followed one another against troops, preparations and highway junctions. The enemy naval base at Preveza (Greece) was attacked, with direct hits scored on steamers in the bay."

"In the Atlantic, one of our submarines failed to return."

"In east Africa, there was nothing noteworthy to report."

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Sirois Report Example for Europe

MONTREAL (CP)—A 42-page digest of the Rowell-Sirois report on Dominion-Provincial Relations is carried in the current issue of the International Labor Review, published by the International Labor Office, which moved here last summer from Geneva.

The digest states the report is "one of the most significant contributions yet made to the discussion of European and international reconstruction after the war. It is also of outstanding importance as a study of legislative authority in respect to labor and social problems under federal systems of government and, as such, deserves to be widely known in other federal countries."

The report is declared to be "of far-reaching significance at the present time as an eloquent reaffirmation of the democratic faith in sustained social progress based upon an economic reorganization which respects human freedom in spheres which are primarily cultural and social."

Unanimity Needed After Victory Comes

EDMONTON (CP)—Premier Aberhart of Alberta in a New Year's statement issued here expresses the hope that "the splendid unanimity of purpose, marshaling of labor, and production of goods and services proceed after final victory is won so the splendors of that victory may not be dimmed by a peace spoiled by depression."

The statement, reviewing the economic history of the last 10 years, says that after four years of depression beginning in 1930, "it became apparent prosperity was still as distant as ever... the paradox of poverty amidst plenty gripped the world."

After stating it was inevitable "that out of such human misery, unscrupulous tyrants such as Hitler should seize power," the Premier added "this past year has brought a remarkable demonstration of what can be done when the economy of the Empire is geared to the urgent requirements of the moment."

The statement voices the hope such "unanimity of purpose" will continue after the war.

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NEW YEAR

Haugesund and Enemy Bases in France Blasted

British Bomb Nazi Port in Norway

LONDON (CP)—Dive bombers of the fleet air arm and Royal Air Force warplanes attacked shipping and harbor works in the German-held Norwegian harbor of Haugesund, the Admiralty and the Air Ministry announced today.

An Admiralty communique said a supply ship lying alongside a dock was hit and set afire during the raid yesterday, while the Air Ministry said three hits were scored on an anchored merchant vessel, perhaps the same ship, in a dive-bombing and machine gun attack, after which "fires broke out and there was a violent explosion."

Hits also were scored on warehouses and jetties.

German Gun Silenced by Plane

One of the raiders dived low to silence an anti-aircraft gun with machine gun fire. All the planes returned safely.

Haugesund is about 30 miles north of the large port of Stavanger on Norway's west coast and about 290 miles airline from the nearest point in Scotland.

The Royal Air Force, too, was active, subjecting the "invasion" ports in German-occupied France to a heavy bombardment during

the night, an official announcement said.

Blows to Smash Invasion Efforts

British fliers also hammered at Bordeaux, Lorient and Le Havre, in the occupied territory of France, bombing docks, air-dromes and submarine bases, the announcement declared.

The raids were described by informed circles as part of Britain's "offensive-defensive" campaign against the threat of German invasion.

Haugesund and the shipping bases around Stavanger are re-

garded as among those which could serve the Germans well in event of a move to invade Britain. Such an invasion attempt, it is believed here, would come simultaneously from ports between the Bay of Biscay and the lower Scandinavian peninsula.

The fleet air arm has made several attacks recently on German-occupied Norwegian ports.

Germans Claim Ships Shelled

BERLIN (AP)—A communique from the German high command said: "Long-range artillery of the

army and navy during the same night shelled enemy ships which tried to approach Dunkerque, forcing them to turn northward. (No comment from British sources.)

"The enemy entered the coastal region with a few planes, but without dropping bombs on German territory."

"Patrol and protection vessels in the North Sea were unsuccessfully attacked by enemy torpedo planes. The vessels downed three planes. Another enemy plane was shot down by anti-aircraft. One of our own planes is missing." (No British planes were lost yesterday.)

Sirois Report

Fears Extension of Control By Dominion Over Provinces

MONTREAL—"The Dominion government will hold the purse, and the financial control will gradually extend to the exercise of legislative and administrative control," Hon. C. H. Cahan, former Secretary of State, said in discussing the effects of the impact of the Sirois Report on the provinces if its recommendations were adopted.

A native of Nova Scotia, Mr. Cahan pointed out, as well, that, while the province would be relieved of debt and certain services it would be compelled to abandon tax fields as well.

"You must, in case of need, be prepared to find new sources of local taxation to provide for local services, unless you resort to new bond issues; and unless these new bond issues are approved by Dominion authority, you will receive no assistance from the Dominion in defraying the new bond interest charges."

"That indicates," he said, "one phase of the Sirois Report... namely increased dependence of the province upon the Dominion Treasury, and the increasing friction that will doubtless develop between Dominion and provincial authorities."

THE STRONGEST PULL

Mr. Cahan analyzed the nature of the National Adjustment Grants to the provinces and said the provinces would be compelled to rely upon these payments from the Dominion. Such grants, he said, "are subject to adjustment every five years, or in the event of an exceptional emergency arising, in the interval."

"These readjustments will be made by a political board which will be constituted and controlled by the Dominion government, to be known as a Finance Commission. The decisions of this board will undoubtedly be subject to political and partisan influences and, in practice, the strongest political pull will probably prove most effective."

WILL NOT SURRENDER

Question: Mr. Cahan, in a previous interview you dealt chiefly with the effect which the recommendations of the commissioners, if carried into effect, will have on the finances of the Dominion. Will the provinces be prejudicially or advantageously affected?

Hon. Mr. Cahan: "I am not sufficiently informed concerning the domestic affairs of the several provinces to answer definitely. But there are several issues which arise out of these recommendations that should be very carefully considered. In my earlier years there was strong opposition in the Maritime provinces to any scheme of legislative and administrative union between the three Maritime provinces, or between either of those provinces and the two other provinces of Canada. Each of the Maritime provinces had its own history, its own traditions, and the people of each province had their own distinctive loyalties, which have not altogether disappeared. I have met Nova Scotians in various European states, in South American republics, in Japan, China and the Philippine Islands, and with them the fact that I was born and bred in Nova Scotia was for me a special introduction and a personal recommendation."

Question: You think provincial patriotism will prove a potent factor?

Hon. Mr. Cahan: Except under special strains of war, I do not think that the people of Nova Scotia, or of the other two Maritime provinces, will willingly abandon their provincial identities, their provincial autonomy, which is, in a measure, guaranteed by the existing constitution, however advisable that might be deemed to be from purely financial considerations."

SUBJECT TO INFLUENCE

Question: In your opinion, will those recommendations, if car-

ried into effect, weaken provincial autonomy?

Hon. Mr. Cahan: I think the commissioners had in view the establishment of the Dominion as a unitary state in so far as public finances are concerned. If these proposals are definitely accepted and expressed in a new Constitutional Act, the provinces will be deprived of important powers of direct taxation, such as the levy of income taxes upon corporations or persons and the imposition of succession or inheritance taxes. The provinces will reserve only revenues from mines and timberlands located within their several territorial jurisdictions, and from automobile licenses, sales of liquor and the gasoline tax.

For the additional revenues required to maintain their high-way services, education services and other welfare and social services, they will be compelled to rely upon so-called National Adjustment Grants from the Dominion Treasury, which are subject to adjustment every five years, or in the event of an exceptional emergency arising, in the interval.

These readjustments will be made by a political board which will be constituted and controlled by the Dominion government, to be known as a Finance Commission. The decisions of this board will undoubtedly be subject to political and partisan influences and, in practice, the strongest political pull will probably prove most effective.

Question: Then you don't think that this report is the best possible?

Hon. Mr. Cahan: It is possible and even probable that a Royal Commission, differently composed, with one or two members who were experienced in legislative and administrative affairs, and in the solution of financial problems, would have found a more stable basis for the future financial relations of the Dominion and the provinces than that which is now proposed.

WILL HOLD THE PURSE

Question: What are the objections to the Sirois plan from a provincial point of view?

Hon. Mr. Cahan: A resident of Nova Scotia, more familiar than I with local affairs in recent years, can better deal with that phase of the matter. I have always believed that Dominion-provincial relations will only be placed on a stable basis when the provincial government is made responsible for raising the revenues which it annually expends. That should be the ideal basis of responsible self-government. But this Sirois scheme makes the provinces more dependent upon grants and donations from the Federal Treasury for the maintenance of provincial services.

The provincial legislature will come to exercise, year by year, the functions of a municipal council which is dependent, in matters of finance, upon the benefactions which it receives from the Federal Treasury. The Dominion government will hold the purse, and financial control will gradually extend to the exercise of legislative and administrative control.

Many people would doubtless welcome that change, but the people of each province must decide for themselves whether the province shall become wholly dependent upon the Dominion government, or whether, in the administration of provincial affairs, the provincial government shall continue to maintain a considerable measure of independence, which is usually described as provincial autonomy. That raises an issue which the electors of each province must decide for themselves.

FACE NEW TAXES

Question: Under the Sirois scheme will the taxation of the people be increased or decreased?

Hon. Mr. Cahan: Individual residents of the province would necessarily be compelled to pay

higher income taxes than ever before, even if we were not involved in war. The increased burden upon the Dominion Treasury, if imposed on individual incomes, will necessitate an increase of 90 per cent in personal income taxes as levied, in 1937, by the Dominion government. In the Province of Nova Scotia you will be relieved of the cost of the service of your public debt, and the eventual payment of the existing debt, but that debt represents past improvements and past indiscretions. For the future, you must continue to maintain and improve your roads and bridges, education and social services. You have probably reached the limit in imposing gasoline taxes, automobile licenses, mining royalties and the like.

You must, in case of need, be prepared to find new sources of local taxation to provide for local services, unless you resort to new bond issues; and unless these new bond issues are approved by Dominion authority, you will receive no assistance from the Dominion in defraying the new bond interest charges. That indicates one phase of the Sirois Report, which I have already mentioned, namely, increased dependence of the province upon the Dominion Treasury, and the increasing friction that will doubtless develop between Dominion and provincial authorities.

Could Have Bumped Off Hitler In 1918

British Corporal Sorry He Showed Compunction

COVENTRY (CP)—Hitler is alive today because a British soldier on the western front in the first Great War "didn't like to shoot a wounded man."

The wounded man was Corporal Adolf Hitler, who ran away when the "Tommy," Corporal Henry Tandey, led nine men in a successful attack against German machine gun positions at Menin September 28, 1918.

Tandey was awarded the Victoria Cross for his outstanding bravery and leadership. He settled down here after the war and during the last 16 years has worked as a commissionaire in a Coventry factory. Recently his home was bombed in the ferocious German air attacks against the Midlands city and it was there he related the Menin exploit.

TWO GUNS AGAINST 16

"For several days I and my platoon had held up a large German contingent with our two small Lewis guns," said Tandey, who is the only living N.C.O. with the right to wear the V.C., the Distinguished Conduct Medal, the Military Medal and the Mons Star.

"The Germans had 16 machine guns, but one by one we picked off the members of the gun crews."

"Eventually we decided to polish these Jerries off, so I rigged up a plank bridge for the others to get across and charge them."

This "rigging up a plank bridge" meant 15 minutes' cool work under a hail of machine gun fire from the enemy.

"Then we dashed across," Tandey said. "Only nine of us made it. We were hopelessly outnumbered. So I told the boys to fix bayonets and charge. The Germans fled and we took about 37 prisoners."

LACKED CLAIRVOYANCE

"The fleeing Jerries were led by a corporal. I was going to pick him off, but he—as wounded and I didn't like to shoot at a wounded man. But if I'd known who he'd turn out to be I'm damned if he'd have got off—I'd give 10 years now to have had five minutes of clairvoyance then."

Tandey had no idea the cor-

Witness Convicted

VANCOUVER (CP)—Eric Stromgren today stood remanded for sentence until January 31 following his conviction in police court yesterday on a charge under the Defence of Canada Regulations of distributing literature of a banned organization, Jehovah's Witnesses.

Magistrate H. S. Wood said sentence would depend on behavior of other members of the organization until that time.

"We'll see whether or not they continue to distribute the literature," he said.

SEE DISCONTENT GROW IN JAPAN

LONDON (CP)—Japan's present regime is one of "growing instability" and opposition to it is increasing, the British Broadcasting Corporation reported, quoting the Moscow radio.

"Domestic and foreign difficulties are becoming worse, while economic and food conditions in Japan are becoming more serious," the Moscow radio said. "Discontent over the war with China increases daily."

In addition, the Moscow radio broadcast a "long account of Japanese oppression and cruelty in Inner Mongolia," the BBC said. "This account, taken from a Chinese newspaper, says that taxation is crushing and savage penalties are inflicted for any signs of discontent."

"Nevertheless, the Chinese are resisting and bands of irregulars are constantly attacking Japanese garrisons and guards."

RED BORDER GUARDS KILL TRESPASSERS

MOSCOW (AP)—Two bands of border trespassers were reported today to have been wiped out by Russian army troops in former clashes.

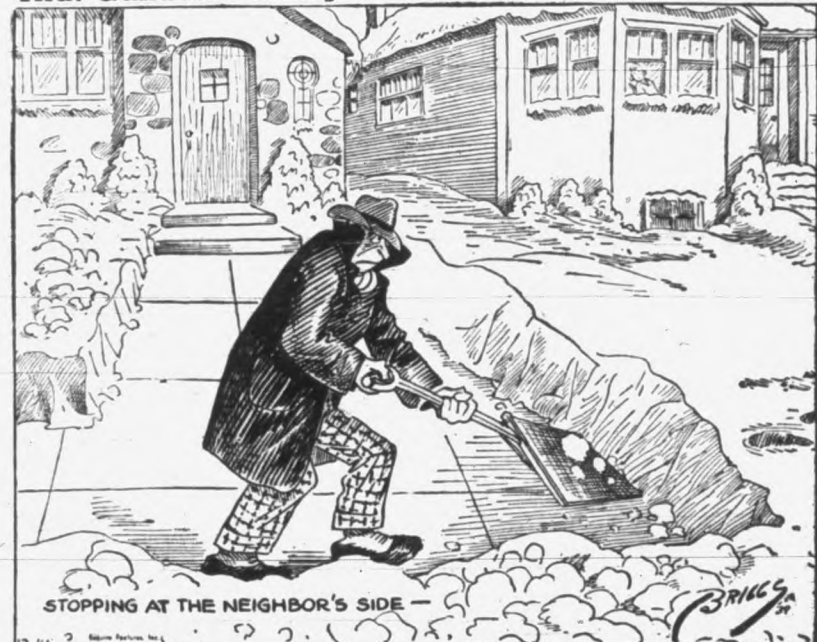
(The dispatch did not say on which frontier the clashes took place.)

A dispatch to Comsomol, the Communist Youth Party organ, and Pravda, official Communist newspaper, said a border guard unit commanded by Semion Sakal accounted for both bands, killing the frontier violators and capturing their arms, munitions and smuggled goods.

The first clash was said to have occurred several months ago, when the Red troops met the bandits in hand-to-hand fighting in mountains. The second, the dispatch said, had just taken place, with the troops routing the bandits from their volcano hideout with rifle fire and hand grenades.

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Hitler's Conditions?

ACCORDING TO THE LONDON DAILY Express, which is reported to have obtained its information from Lisbon, Admiral Darlan has returned to Vichy from Paris where he is supposed to have received the terms on which Hitler will allow France to "collaborate" in Europe's "new order" on the Nazi pattern. These are the conditions to which Marshal Petain is asked to subscribe: (a) The remains of the French fleet must be turned over to Italy; (b) France must permit the Germans to occupy the Mediterranean ports of Toulon and Marseilles; (c) Former allied Generalissimo Weygand's French colonial army in Africa must be demobilized.

These are days in which nothing surprises us. But if the foregoing are the terms in which the chief of the French state is to concur, Hitler assuredly intends to pave the way for the complete subjection of the whole of France and the whole of the French people, expecting, presumably, to run the country very much as he is already running Poland. Petain may temporize should he be permitted to do so. It will be seen, however, that (a) and (b) conditions are to some extent interdependent, while upon (c), or General Weygand's attitude to all the conditions, largely depends the role of the fighting potential of France and her forces.

The aged soldier-statesman whose hands are more or less tied at Vichy is now faced—if the conditions the London newspaper quotes are confirmed—with a more vital decision than any with which he has been faced since he became head of the government last summer. Surely he will not consider for a moment the surrender of the substantial remnants of the fleet to the nation which stabbed his country in the back on June 10. And in view of his loyalty to France and to its chief of state which Weygand has so often professed, we cannot conceive of any willingness on his part to the demobilization of a striking force which, if nothing else, is available to put up a stubborn fight—in collaboration with Britain and Free France—for the honor of his country.

Into the bargain with its possible ramifications, of course, will come the decision of the British Mediterranean fleet, now relieved of a good deal of the annoyance from the former superior strength of the Italian navy. Neither Petain nor Weygand is likely to be in the mood for another battle of Oran—their perplexities in the present situation notwithstanding; for the ships of the white ensign have much less to fear in the middle-sea now than they had a few weeks ago.

Froth

GENERALISSIMO FRANCISCO FRANCO's government in Spain proposes to rush the enlargement of the harbor of Vigo and has set aside funds for this purpose. This has encouraged the Falangist newspaper Arriba to throw out its editorial chest with a declaration that Spain now is aspiring to be a great Atlantic sea power to protect both herself and Latin America. The ideal visualized by the journal in question is such a "powerful" Hispano-Americanism as to convert the present Pan-Americanism sponsored by the United States into something of a back number. And when the plan has blossomed to the full, so Arriba says, there will be no more "listening to the foreigner."

All this may make fine reading for the Spanish Fascists, the zealots who seem to derive their mental nourishment from the vapors of Signor Virginia Gayda and the Herr Doktor Goebbels; but it is just possible that Generalissimo Francisco Franco will get little consolation from journalistic blueprints which seek to generate enthusiasm that stern facts discourage. Spain is asking the United States, for example, for a loan of \$100,000,000; and only by the grace of certain easements of the British blockade is Franco's country able to import those commodities so urgently essential to its national existence in anything approaching economic and general comfort. Arriba's grandiose vision of the future will be noted; but taken much less seriously than its authors imagine.

Poor Parallel

OUR MORNING CONTEMPORARY'S continual barrage of criticism of the King government and its conduct of Canada's war effort—some of it justified—falls down badly today when it assumes to produce an analogy between the demand for a coalition ministry in 1917 and what it would have us believe is a similar demand now. To support its argument it quotes an extract from an editorial which appeared in the Manitoba Free Press, now the Winnipeg Free Press, of January 27, 1917, of which the following is a part:

"If the thinking men of the nation at this stage allow the flame of national spirit to be quenched in the stifling vapors of partisanship we are doomed to one of two things: either conscription, which a partisan government will not, or cannot, successfully employ—and which no thoroughly National government should require to employ—or national impotence, which will drag

down the splendid work of our men hitherto into international disgrace."

The Colonist observes at the beginning of its article that "consistency in political outlook on the part of some newspapers is all a matter of whose ox is gored." To one unfamiliar with Canadian political history this may have a convincing ring. But what our morning contemporary fails to mention is that the government in office at Ottawa when the Winnipeg newspaper wrote the editorial quoted had been elected in the late summer of 1911, and had remained in office under the leadership of Sir Robert Borden until the prorogation of that Parliament on September 20, 1917, the contest six years before having returned 133 Conservatives, 86 Liberals, and two Independents. The administration of Mr. Mackenzie King was elected in March of this year with a straight Liberal following of 178 against 38 Conservatives, a slightly larger majority than that piled up against Mr. R. B. Bennett in 1935—a majority, moreover, larger than that given to any party in this country since Confederation. And apart from the fact that no spirited or genuine demand for a coalition government has come from any quarter save from die-hard Conservative politicians and Conservative newspapers, the opposition leader in the House of Commons, Hon. R. B. Hanson, has displayed few of those conspicuous qualities of constructive collaboration which might have evoked a ministerial desire to call for assistance if such were deemed essential in the national interest.

Has the Colonist forgotten that it was the deal which the late Sir Robert Borden, then plain Mr. Borden, negotiated with the Nationalists of Quebec during the 1911 general election which resulted in the Liberal government's defeat and, subsequently, led to the scrapping of the Laurier naval policy? Had that policy survived, incidentally, this Dominion would have had a substantial collection of fighting ships when war broke out in 1914—an accommodation which would have considerably lightened the task of defending British Columbia's coastline against German raiders, a job our Japanese ally of that period assumed in large measure. In general, therefore, the parallel the morning paper draws is an extremely poor one.

Railway Earnings

AS A RESULT OF THE SHARP INCREASE in business activity which has taken place in Canada, earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways have shown a substantial increase. Gross earnings for October, 1940, amounted to \$39,876,000, the highest monthly figure so far this year. In the corresponding month of 1939, earnings amounted to \$38,610,000.

With the exception of earnings during September, which were 12.4 per cent lower than during the same month last year, each month has shown a substantial increase in the earnings of the railways over a year ago. For the first 10 months, the combined earnings of these two important railway systems amounted to \$340,116,000 this year as compared with \$286,376,000 last year, an increase of 18.8 per cent.

When railway earnings are up in Canada, the average person understands that business is healthy, for a greater demand for transportation service in its manifold forms is one of the best economic indexes. Much of the improvement noted in the foregoing, of course, is attributable to the Dominion's war effort. The nature of our growing participation in the Commonwealth's cause, moreover, can be taken as an indication that this time next year the two railway systems will have a much bigger turnover to report.

Notes

New Year's resolution: "I will buy war savings certificates every month."

President Roosevelt is getting a good deal of free material for his fireside chat tomorrow evening.

There is no truth in the report that Hitler and Mussolini exchanged Christmas gifts of sauerkraut and spaghetti.

Alberta's Premier Aberhart is not in British Columbia to get local color for next month's Dominion-provincial conference's theme song.

Those Canadians who note treasury surpluses in various parts of the Dominion would do well to consult the easy-payment plan for current income taxes. Balance sheet architects can do much with figures; Canada's war effort requires hard-earned cash.

'PIKERS'

From Toronto Globe and Mail

The blunt fact is that in voluntary financial support to the war effort Canadians are pikers. Let us look at a few British towns where they know there is a war, where the bombs are real and bands are not needed to arouse them from apathy, where they are taxed for the war beyond anything approached in this country.

Lincoln had a War Weapons Week to raise \$400,000, and in seven days produced \$640,568. This sum, the Lincolnshire Chronicle and Leader points out, is sufficient to buy 14 cruiser tanks, 10 bombers, 27 fighters, 7 heavy anti-aircraft guns, 10 light anti-aircraft guns, 101 machine guns, 1,462 rifles, 1,100 hand grenades, 21 mortars, 86,960 bullets. And three weeks previously Lincoln people subscribed \$5,000 for a Spitfire. This is helping to win the war. How near to it has any Canadian city of 65,000 come? At the same rate Toronto would have to raise \$30,000,000.

In similar campaigns Grimsby, 100,000 population, raised \$8 5s per head of population; Liverpool, more than \$14 per head, and Norwich and Manchester, also badly bombed, more than £10 each per capita. Cardiff contributed nearly £6, Bristol £4, and Coventry in excess of £3 for each citizen.

Bruce Hutchison

TAXPAYERS

THE NEW ERECTIONS at the southwest corner of Belleville and Douglas Streets are intensely interesting. These Indian totem poles represent a true art, with a tradition, history and native genius behind them, and thus differ from the creation of white aldermen on Pandora Avenue. It is a fine thing to show the stranger the art of our aborigines, though I fear exposure to the weather for a hundred years will rot away even these shafts of cedar.

Among the group of carved images are two lean human figures utterly naked and shivering. For a long time I was puzzled to know what they represented. Yesterday an old Indian told me. They are, of course, the taxpayers of British Columbia. And perfectly portrayed.

CURIOUS PERSON

AN EMINENT AMERICAN scholar has just produced the results of a lifetime of faithful toil. He has published a detailed life of the poet Shelley. Now, I suppose, he will die content.

The life of Shelley is of no interest to me, nor, I suspect, to the readers of this newspaper, but there is a thought here of importance. The new biography shows Shelley to have been a pretty disagreeable person, given to the betrayal of women, widespread adultery and unsound economic ideas. This is what you remember on reading such a biography, but it is of no importance, just as the latest revelations about Charles Dickens (another lusty sinner) are of no importance. The only thing that matters about Shelley or Dickens is what they wrote. Their work must be considered apart from them altogether.

You realize as you study biography that all men of genius have at least two personalities, one pretty good, one usually pretty bad. Thus it is necessary always to judge public characters by their work and not by their private lives—something we are almost incapable of doing. Lincoln understood this when he refused to fire General Grant for drinking too much whisky, but few of the public nowadays is so sensible.

You never see an election campaign in this country but some snoop fellow goes around whispering scandals about our politicians, which are of no importance even if true. All we should be interested in is their public life, and it is far better to get good government from a disagreeable person than bad government from a saint. Saints are notoriously poor politicians and good politicians are very often far from saintly.

Now I will not argue that most of our politicians are geniuses like Shelley nor that the speeches of our Legislature, for example, can be judged by precisely the same standards that you might apply to the "Ode to a Skylark," but the same general principle should be followed. We should learn to judge public characters by their works rather than their lives. We should realize that nature has a curious way of producing some of its best works out of very unlikely soil, as great trees grow in swamps. And we ought to learn in a democracy to vote for men who can deliver the goods and not for the fellows we like.

Actually most of us vote for a political party on the basis of our personal prejudice for or against its leaders. In an age when civilization totters on the brink most democratic electors in Canada conceive all the issues of the day in terms of Mackenzie King. Either they like him or they don't, and that's all there is to it. I wish it were so.

COMFORT

HOWEVER, I HAVE just been rereading my English history by way of passing the weary hours and it seems to me that we are too easily discouraged about our present condition and the condition of our statesmen. For anyone suffering from that end-of-everything feeling I recommend a careful consideration of England only 100 years ago, when slavery was still going strong, there were hardly any roads, murder flourished, rotting corpses hung from the walls of London as a warning to the public, gin shops guaranteed to make you dead drunk for tuppence and would supply free straw for you to lie on, and most of our statesmen were plastered by 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Beside those lusty lads we have become a race of Sunday school teachers. Beside the graft of the eminent Georgians and early Victorians our politicians are all Boy Scouts. Beside the scandals of the churches then our Christian religion, though badly battered, still shines brilliantly. And 100 years is a very short time. I expect that in another century we shall even have cured the depression.

EMERSON ON BRITAIN

Agnes D. Burton in Toronto Globe and Mail
The bearing of the British people in these days of great difficulty recalls what the American, Ralph Waldo Emerson, wrote about England in 1856: "I see her not dispirited, not weak, but well remembering that she has seen dark days before; indeed, with a kind of instinct that she sees a little better in a cloudy day, and that in a storm of battle and calamity she has a secret vigor and a pulse like a cannon. I see her in her old age, not decrepit, but young, and still daring to believe in her power of endurance and expansion. Seeing this, I say, All hail! mother of nations, mother of heroes, with strength still equal to the time; still wise to entertain and swift to execute the policy which the mind and heart of mankind require at the present hour."

PARALLEL THOUGHTS

All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.—Job 27.34.
We cannot control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them.—Cato.

Elmore Philpott

HE ASKED FOR IT

MR. CHURCHILL'S blasting attack on Mussolini is one of the most astute and timely moves of the war. It makes very clear to the Italian people what is standing between them and peace. It tells them that they not only have to get rid of the Duce, but get rid of him before his boss, the modern Attila, has so strengthened his hold on Italy that it will require titanic efforts to loose that hold.

The attack is interesting for another reason. There is a strange contrast in the lives of Mussolini and Hitler. Mussolini, until now, has never really had to fight a man-sized foe. He has never attempted any fight until things were so arranged behind the scenes that it was a foregone conclusion that there would be no real struggle. The famous march on Rome was, of course, the most notable example. Mussolini had already been to see the king in person, and was well aware that His Majesty was not going to order the army to resist that march. Even so, Benito took no chances. He rode to Rome while the rest marched.

Mussolini's earlier life gives innumerable evidences of this disinclination to face personal danger or actual combat. The most intimate picture I know is given by Angelica Balabanoff in "My Life As a Rebel" (Harpers). The noted Russian revolutionary has lived to be more or less disillusioned with all revolutionaries—including her own compatriots.

But no one in all the world had a better chance to analyze the strength and weakness in Mussolini's character than this brilliant woman who worked for years with him as co-editor of the Italian socialist paper, Avanti. Her summing up was terse and to the point "an actor and a coward." She supplies a wealth of detail to substantiate that estimate. I have never read anything which seemed more to bear "the ring of truth" than this straightforward story.

ENTER BENITO

Madame Balabanoff almost literally rescued Mussolini from the gutter when he was actually starving, suffering from venereal disease, convinced that he was destined to end his life in an insane asylum. She watched him switch overnight, in the first Great War, from the orthodox

ITEMS FROM LONDON

To the Editor:—In the Church Times of London, England, of November 1, there are two items of general interest. The first relates to the family of our gracious Queen Elizabeth. The Queen's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Cavendish-Bentinck, gave to the fine church of St. Alban, Teddington, on the Thames, some of its most glorious ornaments. She and her husband were great admirers of the vicar, and Mrs. Cavendish-Bentinck was a generous benefactress, and a daily attendant, walking more than a mile each morning.

When the sanctuary was completed she gave orders for the fontana, candelabra and candlesticks in the celebrated Certosa at Pavia, in Italy, to be copied as a gift for the church and high altar of the church. The altar and were painted by a famous Florentine artist, who was commissioned to paint the panels for the pulpit, but was forbidden by the Pope to continue work for an English church. The beautiful copy of the Fra Angelico's Crucifixion was a gift to the vicar in recognition of his ministrations to her husband, the maternal grandfather of the Queen, in his last illness. Miss Violet Cavendish-Bentinck, the Queen's aunt, gave a silver gilt crucifix of great beauty.

The second item is about the chapel of Henry the Seventh, in that incomparable shrine of English Christianity, Westminster Abbey. The dean states: "Every night I tremble to think of what may happen to it, though it is amazing how well the building has withstood the effect of blast." The exquisite chapel of Henry the Seventh appears to have the fragility of frozen lace, but it put up a rock-like resistance, and emerged almost unscathed, when a heavy bomb exploded a few yards away. Twisted bits of lead were wrenched out of the windows, but only one of the elaborate bosses of the fan-vaulted roof crashed to the floor.
ALEXANDER TILLOCH GALT.

DAVID IN CANADA

Peterborough in London Daily Telegraph

A Canadian C.F. preached in the garrison church on David and Goliath. Arriving at the culmination of the Scriptural story, he said, "And the stone flew through the air and hit Goliath right on the crust."

In my dictionary of American slang I read: "Crust—impudence, insolence, the human head." The Canadian element in the congregation, a British padre tells me, saw nothing amusing in the expression at all.

Kilties Charge With Bayonets

From The Times, London

SIDI BARRANI, Egypt—The troops who took Sidi Barrani were a British brigade of an Indian division that had rushed to Nibeiwa and Tummah the previous day. They were materially assisted by an armored brigade that had pushed behind the Italian positions and reached the coast between Sidi Barrani-Bagbag, practically cutting off the "Blackshirt" division's retreat.

After bivouacking in the desert three battalions advanced at dawn over the few remaining miles, a south country battalion on the left, Highlanders in the centre and Midlanders on the right. About two miles south of the village they came under fire of the defence positions.

Going in to attack, the British found the Italians well posted in a strongly entrenched position that was protected and well sighted by machine guns, against which it would be difficult to advance without heavy loss. To help, tanks and artillery were called in. The tanks of the armored brigade were handiest for the left battalion, while the guns succeeded first in easing the way for the Midlanders on the right. These two battalions consequently were able to get forward first.

About 2 p.m. the officer commanding the Highlanders, hearing that the other two battalions were making progress on the flanks, decided to take the bull by the horns and ordered his men to rush the enemy position.

They took the cue resolutely and worked forward under a hail of bullets from enfilading machine guns and got in among the Blackshirts with bayonets.

In a few minutes of close fighting the trench line was carried, and, advancing to the crest of the ridge beyond, the Highlanders met the welcome sight of the white-walled houses of the village close in front of them with the sea farther on. By 5 o'clock Sidi Barrani had been taken, with Blackshirts surrendering in groups when they found themselves hemmed in by tanks as men of all three battalions poured in on all sides. The last phases of the fight took place in an eddying sandstorm that limited visibility to 200 yards.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I broke the window and I'll pay the damage."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "plaid"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Oceanic, octennial, occasion.
4. What does the word "antedate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pl that means "to pacify"?

Answers
1. Say "and I'll pay the cost."
2. Pronounce plaid, a as in add. Scottish pronunciation is a as in played. 3. Occasion. 4. To date as of a time prior to that of execution. "The attorneys decided that the deed was antedated." 5. Placate.

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APPRECIATION

To the Editor:—Allow me to congratulate you on your scholarly and edifying editorials during the year 1940. We have need these days for sane and wise leadership in your department of life.

J. HYDE.

HE-MEN

To the Editor:—Thursday's Times contains a picture of five young men who swam 50 yards in the Inner Harbor on Christmas Day for the annual competition. It is entitled "Brrr! Christmas Swim."

Why the "Brrr"? My morning walk every Sunday takes me along Dallas Road past Horseshoe Bay. In all sorts of weather there is a group of men—real men—who plunge into the bay and swim much more than 50 yards. Yesterday this group swam out some distance in a sea that would make the Inner Harbor look like a house bath.

I am not trying to deride the exploit of the five young men, but often think that if more of our males would emulate all these swimmers and harden their bodies thereby improving and keeping fit the works of the Creator, Britain and Canada could lick our enemies hands down.

J. MCKENZIE.

435 Hillside Avenue.

SHINE SHOES? MIX DRINKS?

From Toronto Star
"A knife, a nail file and it anchors your tie," runs the advertisement of a new gadget. But even giving the gadget these three points, look at the thousands upon thousands of things it can't do.

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With the Forces

Army Makes Own Soap From Waste Fat

The salvage branch of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps stationed here is turning waste material into profitable use — and all because the disposal of refuse fat from one of the forts became such a problem a few months ago.

With the aid of an experienced soap-maker who is in the army, fats and other waste materials are now being turned into soaps of various kinds, cleansing powders, floor cleaners and a score of other items.

As yet the project is in the experimental stage, according to Capt. P. H. White of the district supply office, but hundreds of pounds of soap and other cleaners are already in use.

MAKES PROFIT

The supply office finds it profitable. Balancing off the men's time, including all allowances, and the salvage value of the waste material, the amount of products produced shows a paper profit.

A laboratory is in continual operation. Information from other countries on the reclamation of waste material is being obtained to increase the output.

It began, Capt. White explained, when thousands of pounds of fat began to pile up from army kitchens and the problem of getting rid of it loomed large. Commercial buyers could not offer enough to make it worthwhile.

The services of Sgt. F. B. MacDonald, an ex-soapmaker, were enlisted and experiments began. He has already developed several products from his own formulas.

SATIN SOAP

A very useful product is his "satin soap" which is excellent for washing vehicles. It has a light body that does not scratch paint.

A cleansing powder he developed is used in army kitchens for removing stains from pots, pans and dishes. It is also effective in removing road films and hard grease from the army's motorized equipment.

A good floor sweeping compound has been made from old crankcase oils, mixed with sawdust and sand and chemicals.

Cracklings and bones have produced a crude floor soap. The laboratory is now working on extracting glycerine from bones through an English process.

SAVING WASTE

Refrigerator deodorants, cleaners for woodwork and hand paste for mechanics are produced as well. The military hospital is provided with mercury base soaps.

"We are getting over the hump of turning ordinarily waste material into useful products," said Capt. White, and it solves a big garbage and salvage problem.

Chose Overseas Men Honorary Officers

Major D. O. Vicars, D.S.O., 3rd Infantry Holding Unit, England, and Acting Squadron Leader John Fulton, D.F.C., Royal Air Force bomber command, England, are to be asked to accept the posts of honorary presidents of the Kamloops branch of the Canadian Legion.

R.S.M. on Leave Sees Son for First Time

R.S.M. Wm. White, R.C.E., is home from Petawawa Camp, Ontario, to spend his holidays with his wife and their four-month-old son, whom he is seeing for the first time. The holiday also afforded R.S.M. White with a reunion with his father, Capt. Geo. C. White of the P.P.C.L.I., Lethbridge, Alta., whom he has not seen for a year. Capt. White's other son, Pte. Charles White, is with the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Scottish, stationed at Debert Camp.

A. F. Primrose, who used to represent Capt. Campbell's Vancouver Barge up in Courtenay, writes that he and his wife would like to hear from any British Columbian troops in England, and will go to the Beaver Club, London, to meet them, especially at the week-end. His address is 15 Eton Road, Hampstead, London N.W. 3.

Polish Air Ace Dies in Battle

LONDON (CP) — Sgt. Josef, 28-year-old Czechoslovakian described as "one of the first aces of this war," has been killed in a flying accident.

Member of the Polish air force, Sgt. Josef shot down 28 German raiders, 17 of them in England. His surname cannot be disclosed until after the war, because his family still lives in Czechoslovakia.

When the Nazis occupied his country, Sgt. Josef was one of the Czechoslovakian airmen who machine-gunned advancing German columns until their ammunition was spent. Then he flew to Poland and joined the Polish air force.

He was in the thick of the air fighting in Poland, eventually escaping in damaged machines with other Polish fliers to Rumania, where he was interned.

Later, he escaped, went to Syria and from there to France where he joined the Polish squadron fighting with the French air force. He came to England after the capitulation of France.

Josef was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal shortly before his death. He won the Croix de Guerre in France and in England was decorated by Gen. Sikorski with the Virtute Militari, highest award for gallantry in Poland.

His squadron commander, an English squadron leader, described him as a splendid pilot. "I would regard him as one of the first aces of this war," he said. "He was kind, unassuming and gentle on the ground, but in battle he was a deadly killer."

7 Brothers in Army

OGDENSBURG, N.Y. (AP) — Seven brothers are serving in the Canadian armed forces. They are: Jack, Bernard, Phillip, Albert and Lawrence Trudel, now with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders; Louis Trudel with the Saskatchewan Light Infantry; and Arthur Trudel with the 48th Highlanders. All except Lawrence were born in Ogdensburg.



This is Irwin Horsey. He's only seven years old, but he's honorary sergeant-major of Canada's famous Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, stationed at Ottawa. For a year he accompanied his father, a squadron quartermaster, to drills, showing such intense interest he was put on the payroll as a regimental mascot.



"BERT" FARTHING

Albert Edward "Bert" Farthing, Y.M.C.A. War Service secretary, stationed at the New Westminster Y.M.C.A. where he handles the "Y" program for the Rocky Mountain Rangers. Bert Farthing enlisted in 1914 with the Canadian Mounted Rifles at Toronto, and was a sergeant of machine guns when wounded in 1916. He joined the Y.M.C.A. in 1910 as general secretary of the East Toronto "Y"; was later with the Revelstoke Railroad Y.M.C.A. until 1933, and recently was reappointed so that he might do his bit for the enlisted men as a war services secretary.

Pilot Shocks Wife

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The English housewife who saw Flying Officer W. Bruce Millar with-out his pants was much more shocked than the Royal Air Force pilot, whose plane had just been shot down in flames, Millar recalled yesterday.

The pilot came to Spokane from his home at Penticton, B.C., to speak under the sponsorship of the Inland Empire Press Club.

Millar was wounded in the leg and "balled out" of his flaming plane December 9 after a brush with a flight of German raiders over England. He was invalided home, but he told interviewers he hoped to return to England soon to fight again.

Describing his last battle, Millar said his trousers were burned away before he could open the cockpit hood and jump. Shirt tails flapping, he limped up to an English farmhouse.

"I guess I really shocked the housewife who walked out to help me," he chuckled.

Greeks Given Aid

MONTREAL (CP) — Officers and men of the nonpermanent active militia centre at Red Deer, Alta., have subscribed \$72.90 to the Greek war relief fund, it was announced here today.

The letter to fund headquarters said the men at the camp hoped to raise a similar amount for the fund each month.

Wants 1941 To Be No-accident Year

Chief of Police John A. McLellan, in his year-end message to the public, urges every citizen to do his bit to make 1941 a year free from traffic accidents.

The chief points out it is the intention of the city police to carry on safety education work throughout the entire new year, but the co-operation of the public is needed to make the effort successful.

"No sudden or temporary campaign will reduce the accident toll, but the persistent efforts of all citizens, each doing their part, will," Chief McLellan says.

"Accidents do not merely happen. They are the result of definite causes—and they threaten the life and happiness of every individual. Accidents are caused by individuals and it is therefore up to the individual to resolve to do all in his power to prevent them."

In wishing all a Happy New Year, the chief reminds the public that more people will be happy in 1941 if there are no traffic accidents.

B.C. War Contracts

OTTAWA (CP) — Contracts awarded by the Department of Munitions and Supply during the week ended December 20 totaled 1,532 with a total value of \$9,709,538, according to a department statement.

Contracts over \$5,000 included: Dockyard stores — British Ropes Canadian Factory Ltd., Vancouver, \$28,400; Wright's Canadian Ropes Ltd., Vancouver, \$19,218.

Construction and defence projects — Smith Bros. & Wilson, Regina, \$16,115; Waterman-Waterbury Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Regina, \$75,200; Poole Construction Co. Ltd., Edmonton, \$15,373; Chappelle & Watt, Calgary, \$19,710; Bennett & White Construction Co. Ltd., Vancouver, \$74,975.

This Too, May Be News

Long-time English residents, evacuated from Japan on the advice of British consuls and arriving here the last few days, say preparations there point to the militarist control taking the long chance of an all-out PACIFIC WAR early in new year. Probably about the time Hitler attempts spring invasion of England and before U.S. arms production gets going . . . Irving Wallace, the Esquire writer, just returned from Japan quotes ADMIRAL SUETSUGU, Japan's No. 1 Fascist and former commander-in-chief of the Imperial navy, as saying war on the Pacific will be fought by light speedy vessels, despite all talk about mammoth ships to give Japan advantage of close in-shore fighting . . . Japan, Wallace says, because of shortages of essentials is already going on an all-out war basis. ALL DOGS caught will henceforth be converted into food, leather and fertilizer. Each shrine, church and temple in Japan must contribute 16 1/2 pounds of metal from its structure to give the army 825 tons of material for weapons.

GENERAL VICTOR ODLUM, heading Canada's second division in England, refused to accept London propaganda popular until reversed by Beaverbrook's warning this month—that invasion danger had passed for England. Odlum bases his view of German strategy on what he would do if he were in place of German generals, says that would certainly call for an invasion attempt . . .

Fred McGregor, whose new enthusiasm is breeding NORWEGIAN ELKHOUNDS, has just shepherded the first litter of pups of that breed born in Victoria. There are only 30 other elkhounds in Canada. Fred got his male from a Norwegian in the Peace River, one of a pair worth \$1,000, sent east for the female. The breed has heavy paws, shorter body than an Alsatian, is used for tracking elk in Newfoundland . . . GORDON HARTLEY, Chow specialist, has replaced Chip with whom he was cleaning up the prize lists at Pacific Northwest shows until Chip died early this year, victim of a motorist. Successor is imported from Spokane, is four months old, weighs 40 pounds.

TALLULAH BANKHEAD, while on pre-Christmas week vacation in Victoria, went shopping, visited a toy department, ordered \$60 of toys for Salvation Army-kiddies, bought one boy a bicycle. On one-night stand playing "The Little Foxes" at Temple Theatre, Tacoma, Tallulah grossed \$2,800. Three nights in Portland at the Mayfair grossed her \$7,000.

ODESSA, Neb. (CP) — The rapid rate at which her cookie jar emptied so amazed Mrs. Everett Elliott that she decided to find out how many her family really could eat. For an entire week she baked four dozen cookies daily and tossed in a few cakes for good measure. Her husband and two small sons ate them all. She gave up the experiment.

Royal Bank's Satisfactory Year

The annual balance sheet and profit and loss account of the Royal Bank of Canada for the year ended November 30, 1940, was issued to its shareholders.

In line with the experience of Canadian banks, assets show a moderate decrease as compared with the previous year.

Total deposits amount to \$852,000,000, as compared with \$911,000,000 in the previous year. The difference is accounted for mainly by a reduction of \$20,000,000 of balances due to the Dominion government and a decrease of \$48,000,000 in deposits outside Canada. Canadian public deposits actually increased \$20,000,000.

The greatly increased volume of business now being transacted throughout Canada is reflected in an increase in commercial loans of \$17,000,000. Loans outside Canada have been reduced \$10,000,000.

STRONG LIQUID POSITION

Cash balances show practically no change as compared with the previous year. Bank balances and

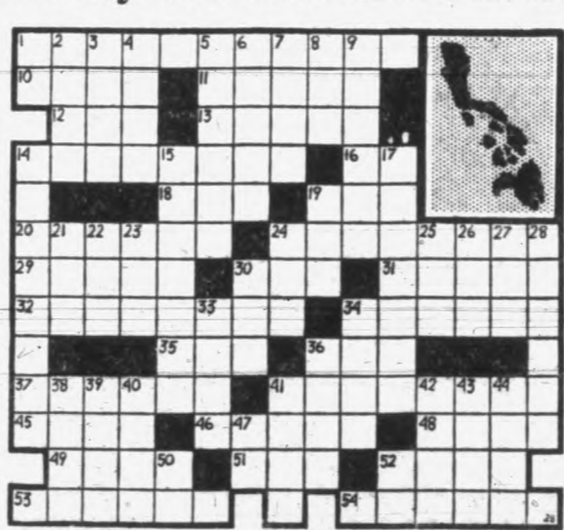
investments show moderate reductions, but total immediately realizable assets amount to \$385,000,000 which represents 66.5 per cent of the total liabilities to the public.

A feature of the profit and loss account is an increase in taxes as compared with the previous year of approximately \$620,000 after providing for which and making appropriations to contingency reserve, out of which provision for all bad and doubtful debts has been made, net profits amount to \$3,526,894. This is a moderate decrease as compared with the previous year. \$2,800,000 was distributed in dividends. Contributions to the Pension Fund Society were increased to \$325,000, and an amount of \$300,000 was written off bank premises account, as compared with \$250,000 in the preceding year. The balance of profit and loss account carried forward amounted to \$3,198,146, an increase of \$101,894.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders will be held at the head office of the bank on January 9.

A six-and-a-half-ton, four-wheel drive tractor recently developed for military use is capable of pulling a five-ton load at a speed of from 40 to 50 miles an hour, and can haul its burden up a 40 per cent incline.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Map of —
- 4 Wings.
- 9 Staple
- 10 Slope.
- 11 Place.
- 12 To put on.
- 13 Sanctions.
- 14 Harmonies.
- 16 Measure of area.
- 18 Being.
- 19 Clandestine.
- 20 To mourn greatly.
- 24 To purify.
- 29 Blockhead.
- 30 Sloths.
- 31 Pertaining to runs.
- 32 Acts of turning.
- 34 Its capital is —
- 35 Sneaky.
- 36 Baglike part.
- 37 Unkeeled.
- 41 First.

VERTICAL

- 1 Postscript (abbr.).
- 2 Animal skin.
- 3 Heathen god.
- 4 Cotton cloth.
- 5 Lamentation.
- 6 Fruits.
- 7 Frozen desserts.
- 8 Convent worker.
- 9 Themes.
- 14 Martial.
- 15 Doctor who cares for teeth.
- 17 To trace back.
- 19 Public auto.
- 21 Stir.
- 22 Russian village.
- 23 Aurora.
- 24 Circular wall.
- 25 Act of migrating.
- 26 Cuckoo.
- 27 Sesame.
- 28 Game of cards.
- 30 Some.
- 33 Olive shrub.
- 34 Market.
- 38 Symptom of hysteria.
- 39 Thin tin plate.
- 40 Indian.
- 41 Festival.
- 42 Evil.
- 43 Fetid.
- 44 To surfeit.
- 47 Go on (music).
- 50 Half an em.
- 52 Southeast (abbr.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

WALTER RALPH
AGED FAVOR ENDO
VIA RENEWED EEL
INTEN SO EM SO
GROVE SO CARIN
ADONIS WALTER ANTI
T BAST RALPH NUBS
OR LAR AS PT
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Christmas Party For Army Children

Nearly 60 youngsters whose "dads" were away from home this Christmas serving with the Petrol Corps in Nova Scotia and other units which have left Victoria had a royal time at the Three Services Canteen yesterday afternoon when they were treated to a party by the hospitality committee of the Auxiliary Services and the Salvation Army Canteen.

The party was organized for children of men in units which had no women's auxiliaries. Guests included Major-General R. O. Alexander, officer commanding Military District No. 11.

Mothers of the children chatted together and had tea while the party was in progress.

Games arranged by members of the C.G.I.T. of First United Church were enjoyed by the youngsters during the first part of the party which started at 3.30.

Highlight of the afternoon for the kiddies was the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed presents to each one. Jolly old St. Nick handed out the gifts from a large, decorated Christmas tree in the middle of the room.

The youngsters were served refreshments, were then collected by their mothers and the party broke up with everyone agreeing it was one of the happiest affairs they had ever attended.

General convenor for the party was Mrs. A. H. Spurr, chairman of the hospitality committee. The Salvation Army Canteen

loaned the hall and provided refreshments.

Presents were provided by the women's auxiliary of the Three Services under the convenship of Miss Sara Spencer.

Adjutant Margaret Stratton of the Salvation Army was in charge of refreshments and general arrangements.

World production of fats is roughly estimated at 32,000,000 tons, of which domestic animals contribute about 17,000,000, marine animals and fish 1,000,000, and vegetable sources 14,000,000.

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In his review of the work of the B.C. Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society, during the past year, the Provincial Commissioner F. W. Tuffrey says: "I cannot give too high praise for the co-operation our division receives from 30,000 regular volunteer Red Cross workers, and from hundreds more who are always on call to do whatever is needed—no matter how lowly the task. In fact, we have more than 100,000 Red Cross members in the province."

Our provincial staff is very small but we have some 300 names on our list of volunteer workers who are glad to come to

provincial headquarters whenever asked. These include older men who cannot join up or who are retired. They do everything from bookkeeping to the heavy work of packing and shipping. We have many women who come faithfully every day to do office work or list and pack our supplies. We even have children who salvage string and tear strips of cotton for parcels of woolen goods.

ONLY 15 BRANCHES

"Sixteen months ago when war was declared we had only 15 Red Cross branches in this province. Today we have 98, which, in turn have an approximate total of 1,000 units. These units are groups of men and women volunteer workers in every part of the province. We have also 1,322 junior Red Cross branches with an approximate membership of 40,000."

"Our province responded most generously to the three national major Red Cross appeals of 1940. The \$500,000 quota for the national campaign number two was oversubscribed. The spring appeal for blankets resulted in 12,000; that for ambulances 29. Our Junior Red Cross members raised \$1,750, the price of one ambulance."

"Most of us believe that we are fighting primarily for the preservation of our democratic way of living, and that it is our duty to do everything we can to win this war. But every day I am impressed with the spirit of giving behind this 'duty,' the willing sacrifices, and above all, the deep concern for the needs of others. Several have come to me telling me facts about personal property, and income. Invariably each says: 'I don't need all this for myself. Could the Red Cross use some of it for those in Britain who have lost everything?'"

"On behalf of the B.C. Red Cross Division may I, through the press, thank every Red Cross supporter, and may I also acknowledge our gratitude to the press itself which has done so much to promote our work and make the general public Red Cross conscious."

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Royal Dolls Will Be Shown Here From Jan. 9

An unusual treat is in store for the thousands of adults and children who are expected at the exhibition of the dolls presented by the people of France to the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, and which are to be shown at the Hudson's Bay store here from January 9 till January 23. These exquisite examples of French art and craftsmanship will be shown under the aegis of the Local Council of Women and in aid of the Canadian National fund for refugees.

The Local Council committee met yesterday afternoon at the Y.W.C.A., with Mrs. A. E. Hopkins in the chair, to complete arrangements for the showing of the Royal dolls. The formal opening will be held on Thursday afternoon, January 9, at 3 o'clock.

MANY HELPERS

The subcommittee in charge of registration reported that from the 44 organizations affiliated with the Local Council sufficient volunteers had registered to take care of the entire period of the exhibition, and Mrs. William McManus E2118, assisted by Mrs. Blair Reed, was assigned to take charge of the chart on which names of helpers, together with their hours, will be recorded.

The executive of the Local Council, headed by Mrs. A. E. Hopkins, will be in charge on the opening day. They and all other helpers will be fully posted with all information concerning the dolls and their beautiful wardrobes. Souvenir postcards may be purchased by the public at nominal price, and folders will be issued to helpers.

Members were informed that all expenses in connection with the undertaking are being cared for by the Hudson's Bay Company, which is also supplying the cashier and ticket collector, and taking charge of the unpacking and repairing of the dolls and their trousseaus.

EXQUISITE CLOTHES

At yesterday's meeting some of the voluminous publicity matter was circulated, this showing that the dolls are three feet in height, perfectly proportioned, and each provided with a complete individual wardrobe designed by some of the most famous Parisian couturiers for the individual dolls.

France is the name of the golden-haired blonde doll, which belongs to Princess Elizabeth; Marianne, a beautiful blue-eyed brunette, belong to Princess Margaret Rose.

Esquisite needlework distinguishes all the garments, and among the famous Paris houses represented in the varied wardrobes are Worth, Jenny, Jean Patou, Lucien Lelong, Chalon, Maggy Rouff, Piquet and Vionnet. Every gown has its own set of accessories, gloves, bag, shoes, stockings, hat, umbrella or parasol, jewelry, and, where the occasion calls for it, wrap, corsage bouquet and fan. Just as much attention has been paid to the detail of the lingerie as to the other garments, and some of the finest of needlework will be found in the "nighties" and dainty slips.



CHRISTMAS BRIDAL PARTY — Mrs. Malcolm John Harmston (second from left), the former Virginia Mae Norris, photographed with her attendants, including her sister, Miss Joyce Norris, as maid of honor, and the Misses Eileen Clarke and Grace Adams, bridesmaids, after her wedding on Thursday evening.

Social and Personal

Mr. William Luney returned to his home, 630 Foul Bay Road, yesterday after a business trip by plane to Toronto.

Petty Officer E. G. Ethier left Langford yesterday for Montreal, en route to the east coast port where he will resume his duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Mrs. Fred Warman and Mr. B. Young, all of Victoria, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young, Ganges Harbour.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Fyvie Jr., of Victoria, were guests for the holidays of Mrs. Fyvie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hague, at Ganges Harbour.

Miss Sheila McDonough arrived this afternoon from Vancouver to visit her grandparents, Hon. W. C. Simmonds and Mrs. Simons, the Uplands.

Mr. Herbert Goldie of Vancouver came over to spend the Christmas holidays with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Goldie, McClure Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pedneault and young son of Victoria were guests over the holidays of Mrs. Pedneault's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Newnurst, Ganges.

Mr. Don Lowrie has returned to Victoria after spending Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Lowrie, in Vancouver.

Mrs. F. G. Simpson and Miss Katherine Simpson, Port Alberni, are holidaying at the home of Miss V. Simpson, R.N., and Miss E. Stanley-Smith, Langford Lake.

Miss Kathleen Kermode of Vancouver is visiting in Victoria as the guest of Miss Roma Dorman, Newport Avenue.

Miss Margaret Cornett of Vancouver will spend the week-end in Victoria as the house guest of Miss Ann Miller, who will return to Vancouver Tuesday to be the guest over the New Year holiday of Miss Cornett.

The marriage took place quietly at 9.30 o'clock yesterday morning in Vancouver of Mrs. Jessie Mildred Cullford, Norwood Road, London, and the Most Rev. A. U. de Pencier, O.B.E., D.D., LL.D. The latter's son, Capt. the Rev. T. F. W. de Pencier of Victoria, officiated.

For the Hundleby-Emery wedding this evening, visitors in Victoria from Vancouver include Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Emery, who are staying with Mr. and Mrs. W. Emery, Gladstone Avenue; Miss Violet Finlay, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Emery, Gladstone Avenue, and Mrs. R. Paget and Miss Barbara Ferris.

Mrs. Paul King, wife of Major Paul King, M.D., of London, England, who with her children is here for the duration of the war as the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Michael B. King, is spending the holiday season in Vancouver as the guest of Mrs. Douglas Roe, who entertained at a coffee party in her honor yesterday morning.

Mrs. R. Bolan of Vancouver came over to Victoria to attend the Francis-Godfrey wedding this evening and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis, Ellis Street. Mr. Howard Gay of Vancouver, who also came over for this wedding, is staying with Mrs. Robert Godfrey, Government Street.

Mrs. Cecil Guptill of Port Townsend, Wash., and Mrs. John Bixby of Sand Point, Idaho, who came here for the Harmston-Norris wedding on Thursday evening, left this morning for their respective homes. They are the daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Seabrook Young of Victoria, and while here were the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harmston, Easter Road. Assisting in serving refreshments at the wedding reception on Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Norris, Toronto Street, were the Misses Violet Howland, Margaret Chinn, Jean Appleyard and Irma Dakers.

Miss Lillian Maud Young, who has been on the teaching staff of the public school at Comox, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Young, Fernwood Road. In honor of Miss Young, whose marriage to Mr. G. E. Emmerson, Victoria, will take place next week, Mrs. W. White entertained last evening with a miscellaneous shower at her home on Montreal Street. The gifts placed around a Christmas tree were given to the honored guest by Miss Thelma Brown. Supper was served from a table covered with a Quaker lace cloth, centred with large mauve and white chrysanthemums. The guests included Miss Young, Mrs. A. H. Young, Mrs. E. Cameron, Mrs. W. Higgins, Mrs. G. McDonald, Mrs. G. Brown, Mrs. G. Reynolds, Mrs. W. White Jr., Mrs. C. Wharton, Mrs. E. Dowell and Mrs. M. Grant, and the Misses Irene White, Sally Dowell, Agnes Murphy, Edna Wallace, Bonner McMurich and Thelma Brown.

Miss Jeannette Drummond-Hay left this afternoon by plane for Vancouver to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drummond-Hay, Richborough Mansions.

Miss Angela Gagliardi was the recipient of a delightful miscellaneous shower given by Miss Joan Williams at her mother's home, Joffre Street. The bride-to-be was presented with a corsage bouquet of pink carnations and white heather, following which dainty refreshments were served. The invited guests were Mesdames D. Gagliardi, Williams, Fenlon, J. Delmastro and the Misses A. Gagliardi, M. Earl, G. Livingstone, T. Cox, D. Exton, L. Robertson, B. Leonhardt, D. Paxton, E. Gardner, I. Birkett, M. Dennstedt, L. Wilson, E. Baron, L. Burrows, A. Moras, M. Tibbett, K. Jones and R. Gagliardi.

On December 26 at her home on Beaver Road, Royal Oak, Mrs. Ellen Dawe was "at home" to her family and many friends on the 60th anniversary of her wedding day. Among those present was her son, Alfred, his wife and daughter, Joyce, Mrs. B. J. Dawe and her three sons; Mr. and Mrs. S.-D. Biles-and-family; her son, Walter; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Earnshaw; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ralph and granddaughter, and Mr. Frank Ralph. Married at East Grinstead, Sussex, in 1880, Mrs. Dawe, who was predeceased by her husband in 1917, and has at present living seven sons and two daughters, 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A merry Christmas party was held Monday afternoon, when Miss Betti Clair entertained about 75 of her pupils at her home. There were games and competitions. An "amateur contest" was won by four-year-old Patsy Townsend. The winners of the other contests were Betty Spiers, Frances Logan, Nancy Lomax, Joan Booth and Enid Middleton. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Clair, Mrs. Kempton, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. De Meers, Mrs. Kerslake and Mrs. Hawthornthwaite. From a huge lighted Christmas tree, Santa Claus distributed presents and candy to everyone, and all joined in singing. Those invited were Denis Kempton, Joan Hume, Vivien Noley, Doreen McManus, Joan Bradley, Iris De Meers, Audrey Brown, Iris Brooks, Diane Colton, Rosemary Keiser, Ruth Miller, Enid Middleton, Roberta Graham, Selma McManus, Doreen Buckingham, Kathleen and Betty Speirs, Hilda Lamb, Patsy Townsend, Ruth and Nancy Lomax, Diane Sandford, Joan Creighton, Frances Rogers, Mary Foxall, Joyce Hemsley, Diane Kerslake, Jacqueline Brown, Norma and Lois Wilkinson, Joan Buckingham, Jean, Lucia and Joanne Pringle, Frances, Kathleen, Edith and Muriel Lohr, Helen Weeks, Gladys Whitehead, Elizabeth Gaskill, Royna McCullough, Charlotte Horsland, Joan Booth, Barbara Corker, Doris Brooks, Ruby Weston, Betty Rowland, Betty, Sally and Lorna Hawthornthwaite, Betty Lou Reed, Joan Bennison, Barbara Foster, Rebecca Elshen, Bobby Wilkinson, Mary Hoyt, Alma Jackson, Joyce Biddle, Joy Lawrence, Jean Foxall, Fraser Smith, Frances and Jacqueline Logan and Muriel Atkinson.

Children's Costume Ball Is Enchanting Spectacle

The Pied Piper must have stolen unseen into town over Christmas—or so it seemed last night at the Empress Hotel when a stream of enchanting fairies, little peasant boys and girls from many lands, the Knave and Queen of Hearts, complete with tarts, diminutive Mounties, toy soldiers that looked as if they had stepped out of a box, and a host of nursery rhyme figures, wended its way into the ballroom to dance to the bidding of the modern Pied Piper—the orchestra's master of ceremonies.

There was even a tiny "Tommy" in khaki uniform, hand-in-hand with a four-year-old Red Cross nurse and several diminutive air-men, to remind the many adult spectators of the war. And another poignant reminder was the presence of a number of little war guests from Great Britain who entered into the spirit of the evening with evident enjoyment.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The occasion was the annual children's costume ball of the Navy League Chapter I.O.D.E., and the reception committee was headed by Mrs. Aubrey Kent, the regent, who welcomed, among other special guests, Commodore and Mrs. W. J. R. Beech and Major-General and Mrs. R. O. Alexander.

Games and round dances were entered into with childish abandon by the little guests in the ballroom, where two huge snowmen on either side of the orchestra dais, and huge murals of quaint, pompous penguins around the walls formed an appropriate background for the merry scene.

At 9 o'clock the Grand March was formed and the colorful procession wended its way through the rotunda, past lines of admiring grown-ups, into the dining-room, where supper was served. Each little guest received several attractive favors and a gay balloon as a souvenir of the party. Later, older boys and girls came in and danced to an early hour.

DAINTY COSTUMES

Among the little guests were: Pamela Moorhouse, as a Russian dancer; Peggy Anne Moorhouse, as Kate Greenaway; Shirley Young, Dorothy Vincent, old-fashioned lady; Gregory Blaney Harvey, Spanish grande; Jackson Raven, Spanish toreador; Randle Jones, a Mountie; Sylvia Ann Hooper, southern belle; Duncan Fox Jr., Lorna Ashe, Beverly Duto, Margaret Wilfert, Jean Harness, Beryl Blandy, Ronald Cliff, Highlander.

Patricia Hanbury, Carolyn Ann Massie (Edmonton), Patsy Sinnott, pink flower fairy; Joan Bamforth, Japanese; Dolores James, Louise Young, David Beech, bellhop; Peter Dawe, pierrot; Marjorie Beech, Hungarian peasant; Sonia Troup, Dutch boy; John Scoby, Peter Thompson, Ronnie Baird, Beverly Knott, Betty Bryson, Rita Kaltenbach and Emily Kaltenbach.

Viola Eastwood, Geraldine Eastwood, Kathleen Crystal, Georgina Ricketts, Rita Fecteau, Jacqueline Bennett, Dorothy McDonald, Dorothy Archer, Moragh and Peggy Mackenzie, Gladys Sharp, fairy; Margaret Jean Angus, Spanish girl; Malcolm Gardiner, Dolores Robinson, Elsie Dideridge (Nanaimo), Martha Liddell, toy soldier; Billy Petch, Shirley Griffin, Margaret Bouherton, Berna Franklin, Diane Church (San Francisco), queen of hearts; Beverly Arnet (Tofino), folly; Edgar Arnet (Tofino), pierrot; Lorraine Arnet, Arabian; Doreen Cartwright, Turkish; Lorraine Cartwright, Erica Hamilton, gypsy.

Leslie Field, peasant; Donald

Petersen, Isla Belle Brandon, Mildred Cummings, Patsy Taylor, Diana McWilliams, Audrey Orchard, Helen Hill, Sheila Whittemore, peasant; Shirley Smith as "There'll Always Be an England"; Doreen Waters, Dorothy Wills, Gerry Ann Kennedy, Louise Morgan, Olive Cameron, Helen Leeper, Christmas bells; Sylvia Stone, silver fairy; Joan Mitchell, Peggy Grant, Harold Robinson, bellhop; Helen Bonnell, Trudie Ramsay, Shirley Bonnell, Marie Woodyard, lace Roskelly, Frances Troup, Mexican bandit; Elaine Fuller, pierrette; Harold Bond, Miriam Alder, Audrey Wright and Margaret Burns.

Katherine Rounding, Beverley Flinder, Joan Keith, Yvonne Taylor, "Little Old Lady"; Nina Mitchell, Daphne and Dianne Finland as Victorian ladies; Fred Merriman, Mitzi Ball, Jean Carter, Joan Hart, lady-in-waiting; Teddy Hart, mandarin; Elizabeth Hart, lady-in-waiting; Yvonne Davie, gypsy; Barnett Kent, Joy Oldfield, star fairy; Jean Mills, Carol Mills, Murray Saunders, airman; Betty Yardley, old-fashioned lady; Marie Kraus, Marion Whysker, Eileen Oakman, Elinor Dash, Dorothy Saunders, Marilyn Driers, June Gibson, Druscilla O'Connell, Elizabeth Morten, early Victorian; Margaret Ann Morten, early Victorian.

Heather Blundell, Mexican; John and Robert Ellis, toy soldiers; Doreen Vout, Betty McLaren, cigarette girl; June Clarke, Kathleen Stromkins, Maureen Little, as rain; Rose Mair, Betty Lou Playfair, Betty Dingwall, colonial lady; Margaret Wood, 17th century; Evelyn McGonigle, Gwyneth Phillips, Dorothy Gilchrist, Bonita Gilchrist, Margaret Jeffrey, Dutch girl; Mona Dawson, Joan Reid, old-fashioned girl; Elaine Beckerley, Sheila Alexander, Patsy Richardson as Vanity Fair; Doreen and Marilyn Olson, Reed Paige Clark Jr., Mexican; Paul de Mille, U.S. airman.

Shirley and Caroline Pauline, early Victorians; Robert Watkins, Howard Stanley, Sidney Glover, John Jeffery, Shirley Campbell, Beryl Bellamy, Mary Paterson, Dorothy Davidson, Margaret Hodson, June Rawlinson, Joyce Murdoch, Margaret Hastings, Shirley Howard, Elaine Maynard, as Tudor lady; Rosemary Noakes, as Princess Elizabeth; Mary Lou Morgan, Patricia Cann, as queen of hearts; Joan McDonald, Adele Howard, Patricia Biggar, as courtier; Marilyn Joan Foster, as Snow White; Bernard and John Cicci.

Marguerite Fawcett, June Garland, Bud Garland, Marilyn Hunter, Edith Beutelspacher, Lex Ciceri, Doreen Margetts, Bernice Atkins, Walter Margetts, Gene Diespecker, soldier; Jill Diespecker, nurse; Murray Pauline (Vancouver), Muriel Eastwood, Jean Quennell, Gloria Kendall, Ann Carney, Phyllis Martin, Josephine Fitzsimmons, Czechoslovakian peasant; Barbara Fitzsimmons, Chinese mandarin; Valerie Huse, Arthur Sherwin, Denis Mage, as the knave of hearts; Alan Stevens, Forsythe Richards and Millicent Richards.

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<p>WINES NON-ALCOHOLIC GINGER, PORT, CHERRY Large bottle 19c</p> <p>PEACHES Glen Valley 17-oz. 23c APRICOTS 17-oz. 23c</p> <p>EGGS Grade A Large Dozen 30c</p> <p>JELLIED CRANBERRIES Shirriff's, 12-oz. jar 23c</p> <p>PICKLES Homade, Sweet Mixed 27-oz. jar 23c</p> <p>Brand's FISH AND MEAT PASTES 9c jar</p> <p>SHELLED BRAZIL NUTS 20c 1/2 lb.</p> <p>NABOB TOMATO JUICE 26-oz. tins, each 9c</p>	<p>MINCEMEAT 2 lbs. 19c</p> <p>SPECIAL! TO CLEAR 31-lb. Box WILLARD'S CHOCOLATES 79c</p> <p>CUT GREEN BEANS LUNCHEON, 17-oz. 23c</p> <p>PEAS and CARROTS DEWKIST, 17-oz. 23c</p> <p>DICED BEETS NABOB, 17-oz. 23c</p> <p>PORK AND BEANS AYLMER, 18-oz. 23c</p> <p>3 for 25c</p> <p>Grantham's Lime Juice Cordial Bottle 29c</p>	<p>NEW YEAR'S CRACKERS 29c and 59c HIND'S HONEY AND ALMOND CREAM 50c size 2 for 45c TODDY, Hot Chocolate drink 1-lb. tin with 1/2-lb. tin 37c A.S.A. HEADACHE AND COLD TABLETS bottle of 100 19c</p> <p>DOLE'S PINEAPPLE JUICE 13-oz. 23c APPLE JUICE 48-oz. tin 23c</p> <p>GRAPEFRUIT JUICE NABOB 48-oz. tin 27c</p> <p>OLIVES QUEEN, 17-oz. Leebex Jar 35c OLIVES PIMENTO, 9-oz. Leebex Jar 32c</p> <p>WORCESTER SAUCE btl. 10c Meat Sauce, btl.</p> <p>Mandarin Oranges 10c 8-oz. tin</p> <p>Welch's Grape Juice 29c pint btl.</p> <p>GINGER ALE Big Boy Quarts 3 bottles 25c</p>
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All Specials Advertised in Thursday's Times Available Monday and Tuesday

WEDDINGS

HILL-BLANKENBACH
Of interest to many in Victoria was the wedding that took place this afternoon at 2.30 at Christ Church Cathedral when Very Rev. S. H. Elliott, Dean of Columbia, united in marriage Mehetabel Maud, daughter of Mr. Fred W. Blankenbach, Verinder Avenue, and the late Mrs. Blankenbach, and Mr. James Holborow Hill, son of the late Rev. James Johnston Hill and Mrs. Hill of Halifax, N.S.

Mr. Blankenbach gave his daughter in marriage. She wore an afternoon frock of cream satin brocade georgette and a powder blue velvet toque sheathed with veiling to match. She carried an arm bouquet of sweetheart rosebuds, pale pink carnations and blue forget-me-nots. As attendant on the bride, Miss Joyce Burrell of New Westminster wore a frock of gold crepe and black accessories while her bouquet was an armful of bronze chrysanthemums.

The best man was Mr. A. J. Watson and the ushers were Messrs. Charles D. Nevill and William W. Blankenbach of Vancouver, brother of the bride. Mr. Edgar Holloway played the wedding music.

A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's father, where relatives and intimate friends assembled to tender their felicitations. Later Mr. and Mrs. Hill left to spend a honeymoon at an unannounced destination and will later make their home in Victoria.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Blankenbach of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hyde of Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones of Westholme.

BALLARD-PRICE
A Seattle couple surprised their friends at a post-Christmas wedding in Victoria on Boxing Day, Miss Alice L. Price and Mr. James M. Ballard of Seattle were united in marriage by Rev. F. W. McKinnon at a ceremony at which only members of the two families were present.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Charles H. Price, 829 Seymour Avenue, Victoria, and the late Mrs. Price, while the bridegroom, a prominent Seattle attorney, is well known in yachting and fraternal circles throughout B.C. He is vice-president of the Power Boat Association and supreme outer guard of the Supreme Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's father, where guests from Seattle and Vancouver Island were present. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard left to spend their honeymoon in southern California, and will later make their home in Seattle.

McLEAN-CLARK
EDMONTON (CP) — Surgeon-Lieut. Timothy Blair McLean, R.C.N.V.R., survivor of the sinkings of the Fraser and the Mar-garee, and Marion Christobelle Clark, R.N., were married here last night. Miss Clark has been instructor in nursing at the Royal Alexandra Hospital here. They were scheduled to leave by plane following the ceremony for Victoria, where they will live.

STEWART-McLEAN
TORONTO (CP) — Miss Mary McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McLean, Toronto, was married today to Douglas Stewart of Vancouver, son of Dr. Charles Stewart and the late Mrs. Stewart of Buffalo, N.Y. Rev. G. MacGregor Grant performed the ceremony, assisted by Dr. Charles Stewart.

The bride wore a gown of white satin, with a shirred bodice, tight waist and long tight sleeves. She was given in marriage by her father, and attended by Mrs. Clair Stewart, her sister, as matron of honor; Mrs. James L. McLellan, Miss Ethel MacMillan, Miss Donald MacLeod, Miss Mary Owens and Mrs. John Edson.

Flavell MacMillan was groomsmen. Ushers included four brothers of the bridegroom, Miller, William, Charles and Norman, and Bill McLean and Clair Stewart.

After a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Stewart and his bride will leave on a wedding trip. They will live in Vancouver.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. The bride attended Branksome Hall, Toronto, and took her Master of Arts degree at the University of Toronto.

GREER-CLARK
On Saturday evening, December 21, at 4.30 a quiet wedding took place at St. Michael's Church, Royal Oak, when Jessie May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Clark, Marigold, formerly of North Battleford, Sask., became the bride of Mr. Joseph Elmer Greer, second son of Mr. E. E. Greer and the late Mrs. Greer of Vancouver. Mr. Stanley Clark, brother of the bride, was best man, Mrs. W. Monk was matron of honor.

The bride looked lovely in a gown of white chiffon with a bolero and matching cap with sprays of orange blossoms. She wore mittens and white net and carried a bouquet of pink and white chrysanthemums.

The matron of honor wore a dress of navy crepe with a bolero and a Paisley blouse, wine accessories, and a corsage of pink carnations. The bride's mother wore a dress of dark wine crepe and wine accessories and a corsage of red carnations.

After the ceremony they returned to the bride's home, where a reception was held. The living-room was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season and on a pretty lace-draped table stood a three-tier wedding cake, with red tapers and baby chrysanthemums.

After the reception the happy couple left by motor for Nanaimo, the bride traveling in a brown muskrat coat and matching hat over a dress of teal blue crepe. On their return they will make their home in Victoria.



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Social and Personal

Mrs. Geoffrey Tullidge and her little daughter returned to Victoria today after being the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Arkell, in Vancouver over Christmas.

Mrs. Paul McClung and her son and daughter, Robert and Maxine, who have been living in the Gordon Head district for the past two years, left yesterday to take up residence in West Vancouver.

Small Diamonds From Many Houses
By ED. WALLACE
NEW YORK (AP) — The old phrase, "gold is where you find it," could be changed today to something like this:

"Diamonds are where you find them—if you look hard enough."

A good look in those forgotten trunks in the attic might help.

Thousands have been doing that in recent weeks and profiting by it.

When Hitler's troops swarmed over Holland and into Belgium, they unwittingly made the market that many are discovering in increasing numbers.

It's the market in small diamonds—"melee," the trade calls them.

The bread and butter of the jewelry industry, melee is the name given to cut stones below a quarter carat, down even to the one-point size.

Thousands and thousands of these tiny gems are needed annually in the manufacture of wedding bands, as side stones in engagement rings, the construction of bracelets, small brooches and jewel-studded watches.

The flow of these stones halted abruptly with the invasion of the Low Countries, where some 40,000 cutters produced them in family craft-guild manner.

They cannot be cut profitably on this continent, say the diamond merchants. Also there are only some 400-odd cutters and the machinery to do it mechanically is lacking.

As a result, old jewelry that

has lain, half forgotten, for years, in trunks, jewel boxes and family vaults is coming to light in response to demands of brokers. For the value of these stones has increased as much as 300 per cent in some cases since the war started.

Free French Hour

OTTAWA (CP) — H. Gauthier, secretary of the Ontario committee of the Free French movement, has acknowledged receipt of a telegram from Free French headquarters in London exhorting all in sympathy to remain in their homes from 2 to 3 p.m. New Year's Day and "to pass the hour in meditation on the tribulations of the mother country and commune with us in hope for its liberation."

Mr. Gauthier said he had wired headquarters extending best wishes to soldiers, sailors and airmen of Free France fighting for the deliverance of France.

Rome Radio Offers Aid to Eire

LONDON (CP) — The Dublin correspondent of the London Daily Mail reported today that the Rome radio had offered full Axis support to Eire in the event of "British aggression."

This was the broadcast statement, according to the correspondent:

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Clubwomen's News

Daughters of St. George, Princess Patricia Lodge No. 238, met on Friday, the president, Mrs. Wright, in the chair. Mrs. Pasco was made social convener and Mrs. Tisdale will take charge of the distribution of wool, to be made into garments for the forces. The draping of the charter took place for late Sister E. Latham. All sick members were reported improved. Mrs. Cownden, convener of the bazaar, gave her report and thanked all donors for the support that helped make the bazaar a success. Mrs. Sparkes was the winner of the evening's contest. The next meeting will be held on January 3 at 7.30 p.m.

Britannia Lodge No. 216, L.O. B.A., met recently at the Orange Hall, worthy Mistress Mrs. L. Fea presided, assisted by Deputy Mistress Mrs. C. S. Leask. Considerable business was dealt with and a favorable report received on recent bazaar. Installation of officers took place, R.W. Mrs. J. B. Paterson presiding, assisted by R.W. Mrs. E. Doane, R.W.

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Entertain Troops With Music, Dance

Troops stationed in the Macaulay Point area were given an hour and a half program of music and dance by intermediate and senior members of the Musical Arts Society and pupils of Violet Fowkes' dancing school last night at the Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Hut.

The concert party was welcomed to the hut by Rev. J. Herdman, Y.M.C.A. war services secretary.

Members of the intermediate group of the Musical Arts Society who took part were: Phyllis Corbett, songs; Barbara Gordon, recitation; Margaret Husband, piano; Ken Dale, popular piano; and Jean Heaslip, songs. Don Nelson of the senior group gave piano selections.

Dancers were Frances Farmer, Norah Rushworth, Maxine Simpson, Margaret Brown and Mavis McCahill, who gave a dance of the Christmas fairies; Ida Lalonde and Yvonne Simpson, tap dance, and North Rushworth, song and dance.

Accompanists were Esther Decker and Margaret Husband. Although chemically similar to both mutton and beef, venison resembles the former more than the latter.

Bans 'Great Dictator'

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Showing of the Charles Chaplin movie, "The Great Dictator," has been forbidden in Buenos Aires at request of the Italian embassy.

The Argentine Foreign Office announced the ban had been imposed by Mayor Carlos Alberto Pueyrredon after Italian ambassador Raffaele Boscarelli protested to the Foreign Office that the picture "attacked the Italian regime."

The municipal film censor board previously had authorized the picture while confirming an earlier ban on "Confessions of a Nazi Spy."

Three Buenos Aires theatres had planned a joint premiere of the Chaplin film January 2.



AT CHILDREN'S BALL — Two of the dainty little dancers at last night's fancy dress ball at the Empress Hotel were Daphne and Dianne Finland, above, daughters of Flying-Officer E. V. Finland, M.P.P., and Mrs. Finland.

Von Cramm Tours Spain

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

VICTORIA rugby and soccer teams delivered their respective fans handsome Christmas gifts on Thursday afternoon. The rugger swamped Vancouver reps with one of the greatest displays of scoring power shown by a local squad in years, while Victoria United marked up its second straight home victory in Coast League soccer at the expense of Nanaimo.

Having the interest of the players in mind, we would suggest to the officials they call off Boxing Day matches in future. We are sure mighty few of the boys appreciated that game on Thursday. Their play certainly suffered from the Yuletide festivities and there was not one that would not have been perfectly willing to call the whole thing off at half time. As a matter of fact, there was so much miscalculation at times the fans had to laugh rather than criticize.

Nanaimo players and officials, as well as the fans, did not appreciate the 15-minute delay in starting the match, owing to the failure of the Victoria team to take the field. The locals have had a bad habit all season of being late and it is time the management made a serious effort to field the club at the appointed hour. The visiting players are always at the park bright and early and, although we realize it is not easy for some of the Victoria boys to always be prompt, there has been a tendency on the part of some to just take their time putting on their strip.

Vancouver had better get the old wheels greased and oiled to churn up another excuse for the "Rep" rugby team's second showing against Crimston Tide here Boxing Day. Following the first game in Vancouver a few weeks ago, when the locals won 24 to 0, the mainlanders stepped to the front and said injuries took their best players from the game. Injuries were due to poor condition of the ground, which was frozen solid, they said.

The ground was like rock all right and they lost some valuable players, but the story was entirely different here Thursday, when the Vancouver team took an even worse beating (the score, as you all know, was 34 to 6). The playing field at Macdonald Park was near perfect and offered no reasons for squawks from any team.

The whole story is that "Reps" have nothing to compare with the local red shirts. Manager Bob McInnes should be, and is, proud of the local team. The only criticism he had following the Boxing Day game was the fact the three-quarter line was slow in breaking. The line seemed to be bunched together too closely, also, but nevertheless it got results.

Old-timers on the sidelines criticized the refereeing of Ronnie Burns. He was too far behind the play, they said. He let Tom Carney get away with running interference too often and Campbell Forbes was not called up for being offside on several occasions. Incidentally, for the information of those spectators who were puzzled about the "splendid" uniform of one of the fans standing down in front of the stands, it was that of the Royal Military College of Kingston, Ontario, and was worn by Desmond Cuthbert Holmes of this city. Holmes is a battalion sergeant-major at the college and was home for Christmas.

The best tackle of the day was executed by big Bill Thompson, who wears Oak Bay police blue. Toward the end of the tussle Bill literally flew over the turf and beautifully grassed a Vancouver lad who was on a dangerous solo flight for the local goal-line.

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By EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK (AP)—Seen and heard: Baron von Cramm, the tennis star, is out of Hitler's doghouse and is on a good will tour through Spain. . . . Heinrich Henkel, another crack German player, is dittoing in Japan. . . . When Lew Jenkins moves out as Mike Jacobs' house guest in Miami, Fritz Zivic will move in. . . . First arrival for the football coaches' meeting next week was "Moon" Mullins, the old Notre Damer, who had himself a whale of a season at St. Ambrose College out in Iowa. His team was unbeaten and unscored on and wasn't tied until the schedule's finale.

Hither and Yon: Just leave it to those Whites to do the chucking—Ernie led the American Association pitchers and Hall was tops in the International. . . . Don Budge is tuning up for his pro tour with La Marle, et al., by practicing with Frankie Kovacs on the coast. . . . Carl Snavely recently was invited to a big Pittsburgh sports function as the guest of referee Red (Fifth Down) Friesell.

Bowl selections: We think Nebraska's football host.

Will upset Stanford on the coast: That mighty Tennessee will roll to victory in the Sugar Bowl. The Texas Aggies surely should take Fordham's Rams—and take 'em good.

While in the Orange Bowl, fickle fate.

Will smile upon Mississippi State: To Sun Bowl fans, this tip we voice.

Just pay your dough and take your choice.

They're the tops: Louisiana is very proud that the two biggest "days" in the majors last season were testimonials to two native sons—Mel Ott and Ted Lyons.

Community project: A group of internes of St. John's Hospital here think so well of the prospects of welterweight Tony Masseria, recently turned pro, that they have chipped in and bought a big slice of him.

FOOTBALL MATCH CARDED TOMORROW

Esquimalt and Rangers of the Victoria and District Football League will engage in a match at Bullen Park, Esquimalt, tomorrow afternoon, starting at 2.30.

The Esquimalt team will be selected from the following: Medley, John Watt, Holmes, Simpson, Harbison, Durant, Edwards, Duncan, Barney Barnswell, Earle Barnswell, Holt, Stevenson, Mills, Stewart, Stofer, Belton, Wallace, A. Ross and Cockrill.

Vancouver Player Objects to Fine

VANCOUVER (CP)—Owen "Lulu" Lennon, leading scorer for Vancouver Lions in the Pacific Coast Hockey League, yesterday threatened to quit the team rather than pay an "undeserved fine" imposed by Manager Guy Patrick.

Lennon said Patrick had accused him of failing to take proper care of a charley horse which has kept him on the bench for three weeks, and had fined him a week's pay.

"I followed precisely the orders of my doctor," said Lennon. "Patrick is entirely wrong, and unless he gives me my week's pay he can have his hockey club."

Lions at present are on the road.

THE WEATHER

VICTORIA, 5 a.m. today—A moderate disturbance is centered over southern Alaska while pressure is relatively high to the south of British Columbia. The weather continues unsettled and mild throughout this province with light snow and rain in the Okanagan and Kootenay and moderate to heavy rains on the coast. Light snowfalls have been general in the prairie provinces.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, max. 46, min. 32; wind, 10 miles E.S.E.; precip., .22; raining.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, max. 46, min. 32; wind, 10 miles E.; precip., .76; raining.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.69; temperature, max. 42, min. 36; wind, 10 miles S.E.; precip., .48; raining.

Sao Francisco—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, max. 58, min. 52; wind, 15 miles E.; precip., .36; raining.

	Max.	Min.
Victoria	46	32
Nanaimo	45	30
Vancouver	46	32
New Westminster	45	30
Prince Rupert	42	36
Dawson	40	26
Seattle	46	42
Portland	50	37
San Francisco	58	52
Kamloops	39	32
Prince George	32	26
Kelowna	39	32
Penticton	36	24
Vernon	37	28
Nelson	37	31
Grand Forks	38	31
Kaslo	40	33
Calgary	32	15
Edmonton	22	7
Regina	10	8
Winnipeg	20	11
Saskatoon	22	17
Toronto	40	39
St. John	30	26
Ottawa	39	31
Halifax	38	22

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Second Section

Saturday, December 28, 1940 SPORT

They Fly in Flock



Led by Jean Gosselin, famous one-legged skier, Quebec's junior champions Marc Fortier and Eddie Dion swoop off from the summit of Mont St. Castin at Lac Beauport, forming spectacular picture against the frozen Canadian landscape.

RAIDERS PRACTICE AGAIN TOMORROW

Duroid Raiders will travel to Nanaimo again tomorrow for a workout at the "hub city" arena. The team will leave from the Blue Line Depot, Yates Street, at 9.30.

The following will go on the ice: Sutherland, Fontana, Curry, Temple, Cullin, Anderson, Ritchie, Scott, McVey, Cranston, Duke, McGill, Usher, Hibberd, Lewis, Morgan, Fanson, Stevenson, Lawrence and Boag.

Club officials, Mike McDonald, Percy Fitzsimmons, Ted Silsby and W. Curry, will go with the team.

Bowl Squads Usually Falter

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—What happens to the bowl teams?

Generally, they sink into the huge class of "also rans" the year after the post-season college football classics. Specifically, they average winning 6.4 games, losing 2.5 and tying 6.

Only eight elevens of 92 appearing in five bowls in 25 years have come back the season after with undefeated untied teams. This year produced two of them—Tennessee and Boston College. Tennessee's Volunteers also did it last fall although they lost a post-season affair. California also achieved the feat twice in a row.

COTTON BOWL TOUGHEST

The Cotton Bowl, youngest of the New Year's Day features, is the toughest on the invited teams. The first eight Dallas guests could average only five victories in 10 starts the season after their appearances. The Rose Bowl, oldest of the annual fixtures, is the kindest to its performers. Pasadena's guests have averaged seven victories against 1.9 setbacks since the annual inaugural in 1916.

Miami's Orange Bowl selections experienced the next toughest sailing, following up with 5.5 triumphs and 3.5 losses. Sugar Bowl invites to New Orleans have salvaged 6.5 games against three setbacks and El Paso's Sun Bowl average is 6.4 and 2.3.

Some of the notable successes following bowl invasions, in addition to Tennessee's and Boston College's, were Southern California's 10 straight conquests in 1932 after walloping Tulane at Pasadena; Alabama's nine straight after trimming Washington in the 1926 Rose Bowl; California's nine straight following each of its 1921 and 1922 Rose Bowl appearances, and Santa Clara's nine victories following its 1937 Sugar Bowl visit.

TRAIL TIGHTENS ICE HOCKEY LEAD

TRAIL, B.C. (CP)—The Trail Smoke Eaters took a firmer grip on first place in the West Kootenay Hockey League last night by handing the Kimberley Dynamiters an 8 to 4 beating in a penalty-packed encounter that produced a free-for-all in the second period.

Bunny Dame led the Trail attack with three goals, and Bob Marshall sniped two, and Mike Buckna, Jimmy Morris and Morris Duffy the others. Ralph Redding, Mike Patrick, Curly Hunt and Frank Sullivan scored the Kimberley markers.

Jocks All Even

Taylor Catches Dew

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Jockey Walter Lee Taylor had four mounts scratched because of sloppy weather at Tropical Park yesterday, but still managed to boot home two winners and tie Earl Dew for 1940 riding honors with 283 victories.

Day by day the hard-riding Texas youngster had whittled down Dew's lead. Yesterday he appeared virtually certain to go ahead of Dew, while the latter was flying west to ride in Mexico and California.

But a muddy track and a horse called Chin Music dashed Taylor's hopes. Taylor was up on Syl's Betty, a 22 to 1 shot, in the third race, and he brought the filly up to the stretch four lengths ahead.

Then, as they began the drive through the home lane, Syl's Betty tired badly under the whip and Chin Music passed her to win by half-a-length—and Taylor missed a perfect day.

The Houston Jockey rode Arabesque, a \$16,000-for-\$2 shot, to victory in the second race, and Paul Lee, who paid 4 to 1, in the seventh.

DEW HAS EDGE

With the score tied, Taylor has three more days of racing left this year. Dew, on the other hand, has four more days because he expects to be able to take advantage of a Sunday program at Agua Caliente. He received a wire last before boarding a plane here Thursday night saying that he is booked to ride in 10 races of the 14 scheduled over the Mexican course.

For Taylor, the weather here made the picture uncertain. No matter how many mounts he is named to ride, he has no way of

knowing how many will be scratched because of a muddy track.

SEATTLE HONORS 'KEWPIE' BARRETT

SEATTLE (AP)—A sports tribunal yesterday named "Kewpie" Dick Barrett, the No. 1 Pacific Coast League pitcher for the 1940 season, as Seattle's "Man of the Year" in sports.

In the best of his six seasons with Seattle, Barrett won 24 and lost five games, then won three and lost one in the President's Cup playoffs. The "Man of the Year" in 1930 was Dean McAdams, University of Washington halfback.

\$10,000 War Effort By Toronto Bowlers

TORONTO (CP)—They're knocking down a lot of timber in Toronto's 35 bowling houses to raise \$10,000 to buy sports equipment for Canada's armed forces.

The project is the pet of the Canadian Bowling Association, whose president, Harry Tobin, is in charge of the voluntary effort by Toronto bowling men to get the Dominion's soldiers, sailors and airmen the equipment they need for recreation. The five-day bowling carnival got under way Thursday night.

The money is being raised from sale of tickets, at 50 cents each, that entitle the purchaser to roll three games on any one of the city's 640 bowling beds. Before the carnival closes Tuesday night C.B.A. officials expect 20,000 to 25,000 men, women and children to have entered the lists.

Derringer the Golfer



Paul Derringer, Cincinnati's pitching world baseball series hero, is among the better golfing ball players. He competed in \$10,000 Miami open.

200-goal Veterans Play Great Hockey for Amerks

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Lower Island Badminton League games for the remainder of the season, the last game to be played March 7 by four division teams; were announced today by Don Fish, secretary.

First mentioned team in the complete list which follows will be the home team:

DIVISION A
Jan. 3—Victoria Golds vs. Willows.
Jan. 7—Nanaimo vs. Victoria Blues.
Jan. 11—Victoria Blues vs. Victoria Golds.
Jan. 15—Willows vs. Nanaimo.
Jan. 23—Nanaimo vs. Victoria Golds.
Feb. 7—Willows vs. Victoria Blues.
Feb. 14—Willows vs. Victoria Golds.
Feb. 14—Victoria Blues vs. Nanaimo.
Feb. 20—Nanaimo vs. Willows.
Feb. 21—Victoria Golds vs. Victoria Blues.
Feb. 28—Victoria Golds vs. Nanaimo.

THIRD DIVISION
Jan. 10—Y.M.C.A. vs. Victoria.
Feb. 7—Victoria vs. Y.M.C.A.
Feb. 21—Y.M.C.A. vs. Victoria.

FOURTH DIVISION
Jan. 3—Willows Juniors vs. Civil Service.
Jan. 7—Y.M.C.A. vs. Lake Hill.
Jan. 11—Lake Hill vs. Willows Juniors.
Jan. 15—Civil Service vs. Victoria.
Jan. 15—Civil Service vs. Lake Hill.
Jan. 17—Victoria vs. Y.M.C.A.
Jan. 24—Y.M.C.A. vs. Willows Juniors.
Feb. 7—Willows Juniors vs. Victoria.
Feb. 14—Victoria vs. Lake Hill.
Feb. 19—Lake Hill vs. Y.M.C.A.
Feb. 21—Victoria vs. Civil Service.
Feb. 21—Willows Juniors vs. Lake Hill.
Feb. 28—Y.M.C.A. vs. Victoria.
March 7—Willows Juniors vs. Y.M.C.A.

FIFTH DIVISION
Jan. 3—Willows Juniors vs. Lake Hill.
Jan. 7—Lake Hill vs. Y.M.C.A.
Jan. 11—Y.M.C.A. vs. Willows Juniors.
Feb. 5—Lake Hill vs. Willows Juniors.
Feb. 14—Y.M.C.A. vs. Lake Hill.
Feb. 28—Willows Juniors vs. Y.M.C.A.

Hockey Standings

	N.	R.	L.	T.	F.	A.	P.
Toronto	13	5	1	57	36	27	
Detroit	8	6	5	45	40	21	
Boston	8	7	4	69	50	20	
Chicago	7	8	4	44	49	18	
Rangers	6	8	3	46	47	15	
Americans	5	10	5	36	65	15	
Canadiens	6	9	2	39	49	14	

COAST LEAGUE

	N.	R.	L.	T.	F.	A.	P.
Vancouver	9	9	3	63	54	21	
Seattle	8	8	5	63	64	21	
Spokane	9	6	2	43	42	20	
Portland	9	12	0	55	64	18	

Seattle Moves Into Lead Tie

SEATTLE (CP)—The faltering Vancouver Lions were in a first-place tie in Pacific Coast Hockey League standings with the Seattle Olympics today after being trounced 5 to 3 by the ambitious Seattle club here last night.

Seattle led all the way, scoring once in the first period, once in the second, when Vancouver scored their first goal, and booming in three goals in the final period. Two goals by Vancouver came late in the third period, after Seattle had rolled up a 5 to 1 lead.

Joey Johns, Walt McCartney, Jean Pusie, Herbie Burron and Dave Downie each scored for the Olympics, while Bud Gourlie, Dave Desreux and Frank Jerwa accounted for the Lions' markers.

SUMMARY

First period—1, Seattle, Johns (Downie, Coulter), 15:00. Penalties: None.

Second period—2, Seattle, McCartney (Daley, Burron), 12:31; 3, Vancouver, Gourlie (Lord), 18:09. Penalties: Tomsen, Lofvendahl.

Third period—4, Seattle, Pusie (Tabor), 2:12; 5, Seattle, Burron (Tomsen, McCartney), 7:10; 6, Seattle, Downie (Johns, Pusie), 13:50; 7, Vancouver, Desreux (O'Neill, Riley), 15:08; 8, Vancouver, Jerwa (O'Neill, Riley), 18:14. Penalties: None.

Jackson Makes Great Comeback

NEW YORK (CP)—Handsome Harvey Jackson zipped into New York Americans' dressing room and said to no one in particular: "I'm a kid again and I feel like scoring a lotta goals."

That bore out what the Manhattan hockey mob has been talking about for two weeks—the rejuvenation of the Busher. He's flying again like the Jackson who shone as a member of the kid line with Toronto Maple Leafs. Last night he played his best game of the season as the battling Americans held a strong Boston Bruins team to a 3 to 3 overtime tie in a National League game.

"Right now I don't feel any older than when I was a junior with Toronto Marlboros," the big left winger said.

The Jackson rejuvenation started little more than two weeks ago when two 23-year-olds, Fred Hunt and Alfred Thurier, came up from the minors to help the Old Men of Manhattan. Jackson went on a line with them, and since that time has scored seven of his nine points this season.

Last night, with Thurier out with a knee injury, Jackson made a play to Hunt for the American's first goal. His aggressiveness earned the praise of Manager Red Dutton.

"We wuz robbed," said Dutton. "But that Jackson was a pipe."

At 29 and playing his 12th season of major hockey, Jackson believes he has several good years ahead. Then he wants his main ambition to be realized.

"I'd like a good job coaching a hockey club," he said as he headed for the showers. "After about 18 years of batting a puck around, you get to know a little about it."

How many more points was he going to get this season? "At least 20," the Busher shouted—but that was just as he turned on the water and he might have said "30."

BERGER WINNER

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (CP)—Maxie Berger of Montreal and Pete de Ruza, Mamaroneck, N.Y., battled to an eight-round draw in a fast slugging match here last night in the feature boxing attraction at the Westchester County centre before 6,200 fans.

The Canadian welterweight

New Yorkers And Boston In Deadlock

Amazing in more ways than one Manager Mervyn (Red) Dutton's New York Americans—the only team in the National Hockey League with a pair of 200-goal scorers on its roster as well as another were standing today on the threshold of the select circle.

Less than a dozen performers in the history of the league have compiled lifetime totals of 200 goals or more. Of these only two—big Chuck Conacher and handsome Harvey Jackson—are still in active service, both doing yeoman work for the Amerks.

By all indications, Dutton should have a third in short order. The veteran Reginald J. (Hooley) Smith scored the goal that gave the Amerks a 3 to 3 tie with Boston Bruins in New York last night and now needs only one more to hit the 200 mark.

It is a coincidence that all three were born in Toronto. Smith, whose 17 years of unbroken service constitutes a record, broke in with the old Ottawa Senators and played with Montreal Maroons and Boston before going to New York. Conacher and Jackson formed with centre Joe Primeau the famous "kid line" of Toronto Leafs.

PROVIDED PUNCH

Despite the new accent on youth program of the Americans, all three still have a potent part in Dutton's machine, as 10,590 fans who watched the Amerks battle the third-place Bruins to a stalemate in New York can testify. Converted to a defenceman, big Chuck turned in a sterling game while Jackson aided one of the New York goals.

It was left to the real veteran of the trio to provide the punch. With Boston ahead 3 to 2 after Fred Hunt and Murray Armstrong had scored for the Amerks and Dit Clapper, Bobby Bauer and Woody Dumart for Bruins, Smith fired a late third period tally that sent the game into a scoreless overtime.

GOALS DISPUTED

Two of the goals were hotly disputed. The first, by Hunt, hit either the post or just inside it and rebounded to the ice. Referee Bill Stewart accepted the goal judges' ruling that it had entered the net.

The other disputed tally was the one scored by Dumart on his penalty shot. The shot was given when referee ruled Charlie Conacher had held the puck in the crease. Goalie Earl Robertson argued that the play was legal and was so angry he could hardly see the penalty shot which Dumart sank into the cords behind him.

SUMMARY

First period—1, Americans, Hunt (H. Jackson and Field), 5:30; 2, Americans, Armstrong, 12:28. Penalties: A. Jackson, Stobodan, D. Smith, Armstrong.

Second period—3, Boston, Clapper (Smith), 8:48; 4, Boston, Dumart (penalty shot), 17:25; 5, Boston, Bauer (Dumart, Clapper), 19:16. Penalty: Egan.

Third period—6, Americans, Smith (Anderson), 18:46. Penalty: D. Smith.

Overtime period—Scoring: None. Penalties: None.

51-day Meeting At Santa Anita

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Santa Anita embarked today on its seventh season as the greatest horse racing plant in the western United States with a program featuring the \$10,000 added California breeders stakes at one mile.

Fifteen California bred two-year-olds, headed by C. S. Howard's Yankee Dandy and the entry of Tin Pan Alley and Alessandro, were entered.

Purses totalling more than \$1,000,000, including the famed \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, the \$50,000 Derby and the \$50,000 San Juan Capistrano Handicap, highlight the 51-day meeting.

Entered for the mile feature today, in addition to the Howard hopefuls, were Ira Pan, Iron Nut, Dinti, Willy, Ebony Latch, Single Wing, Ilka, Heret Basque, Do Justice, Flying Back, Nominador and Tory Tom, and Tin Pan Alley and Alessandro. The purse, with added money, will approximate \$18,000.

weighed 144½ pounds; De Ruza, 144½. Maxie now has gone 26 consecutive bouts without a loss.

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Otto Strasser

By ALFRED CARMICHAEL

Elmer Philpott, whose writings are always interesting and profitable to read, gave a brief review of a book by Otto Strasser. Douglas Reed, in his latest book, "Nemesis," gave the life story of this remarkable man and bitter enemy of Hitler. Otto Strasser calls himself a "revolutionary socialist" and his "German Socialism" is intriguing and worthy of the study of every thoughtful social thinker.

Douglas Reed states that in his view Socialism, as it has been put into practice wholly or in part, in various countries since the (world) war, has repelled most men who in their hearts long for something, as he does, which this word should represent.

EUROPE AS COMMUNITY

Douglas Reed finds Otto Strasser's "German Socialism" a most stimulating and provoking idea. Otto Strasser has no theory of superior race or Nordic supermen. He pictures Europe as a community of inter-related nations. He perceives in the history of Europe recurrent epochs of communal or belonging-together feeling and of individual or egoist feeling. Since 1914 the pendulum of history has been swinging toward socialism, patriotism and national idealism. The end of capitalism, as we have known it, is approaching. "The armies," states Otto Strasser, "of unemployed alone are proof enough that capitalism has failed. The theory of each-man-for-himself, of the free-fox-in-the-free-henroost of the democratic exploiter democratically exploiting democratic exploiters in the name of liberty must end."

Otto Strasser would abolish, in Germany, the sacred rights of private property, but in his own way. He makes a sharp distinction between what he calls monopoly-goods, that is land, coal and other products of the earth and the means of production, which are limited, and the grounds which can be produced without limit. The existence of the people, he writes, is based first and foremost on these monopoly-goods and the fact that they are in private ownership and the owner can do with them what he will, places the population in a relationship of dependence to him which is the curse of capitalism. He would therefore abolish private ownership in land, mineral resources and products of the earth and the means of production.

AGAINST STATE OPERATION

Thus far, Otto Strasser is at one with the general Socialist conception, but his application of the principles is different. He makes a distinction between ownership and possession. The owner has the individual right to exploit, close, mortgage or sell abroad, say a coal mine of immense value to the community. To possess it, means to administer it, to have its use and enjoyment, to hold it in "usufruct" on the behalf of another, the "owner." The owner would be the nation, but the nation through its outward form, the states, will not itself operate or manage. It will give the land or natural resources to individuals or corporations to operate.

Otto Strasser is passionately opposed to the operation of concerns by the state or its officials because this would be the opposite of Socialism. It would neither raise the masses from their state of poverty nor unloose the creative energy nor give them the feeling of responsibility. On the contrary, it would, in his opinion, aggravate all these existing evils and the workers would have less right in relation to their employer, the state, than to the private capitalist.

LAND DISTRIBUTION

The chief proposals of Otto Strasser are as follows: The cancellation of the dogma of the sanctity of private property, the transfer to the state as representative of the community of the title of owner of the things most precious to the nation, estate, natural resources and the means of production and the reconferment upon the private owner of

the hereditary "usufruct" of their possessions, which they would hold and administer in fee to the state.

His argument in favor of this plan is that the "usufructuaries," though they would be unable to sell, mortgage, or otherwise alienate their possession. In this manner the joint ownership of the community would be safeguarded and the most vital possessions of the nation secured against the secret, sinister, and often anti-patriotic operation of big banking, international finance and stock market manipulation.

How would the above principles be applied? As to land, all land and estate would pass to the ownership of the community represented by the State, and be reconferred in hereditary fief, upon men able to work it, the governing principle being that no man would have more land than he could farm or less than is essential for the maintenance of himself and family and a reasonable surplus. As to industry—here a trinity of interest exists—the interest of the owner, the workers and the community. None of these have the rights of absolute authority. The community of Otto Strasser's German Socialist Reich becomes the owner of industrial undertakings. It would reconfer the industry upon the owner as "usufructuary." Thus, in industry a common ownership order equally shared by the State, the usufructuary and the workers would be introduced. The head or heads of the undertaking would under that order, as now, depend upon the energy and ingenuity for a greater or smaller income and the workers would have a feeling of co-ownership and co-responsibility.

MANAGEMENT REMAINS

Under this plan, capitalism, which means economic and financial power based on the unrestricted ownership of monopoly-goods, would disappear, for not even the richest man could buy shares in an undertaking, since these would only be granted in fee from the State.

As for the independent small concerns which employ relatively few hands, Otto Strasser would leave the management entirely in the hands of the existing owner, but, as he says, under a Socialist System such a degree of personal freedom is possible only if on the other hand the individual is subjected to obligations which safeguard interests of the whole community. To do this, Guilds would be revived, including handicrafts, manual workers, traders, and men of the professions, which have received from the State certain rights. The Guilds would bestow the master's title and the right to practice a calling, craft or profession.

Unrestricted private ownership would remain intact in respect to house property, except that any new houses would be built on ground not acquired freehold, but held in fee from the State.

FOR THINKING AHEAD

Thus it can be seen that in the great reform he advocates, Otto Strasser avoids the evils of state capitalism. He retains the good points of capitalism in encouraging individual effort while conserving the interests of the whole community.

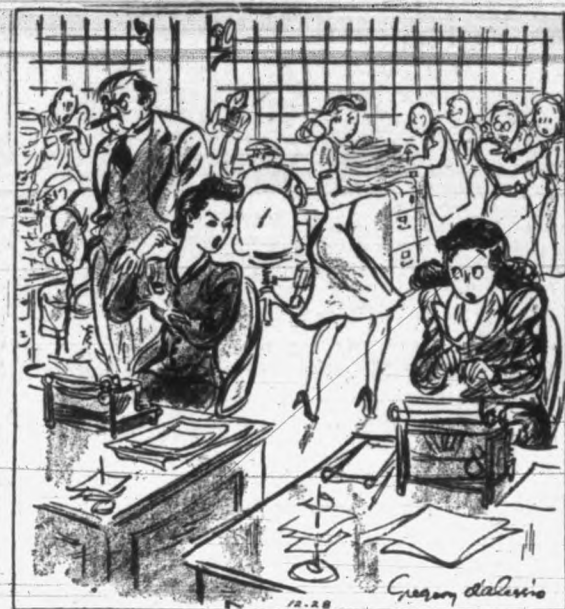
As Douglas Reed remarks, "The aim of Otto Strasser is to give to the unpropertied man the value of independence and co-ownership or co-responsibility in the State, not to put a new despot, the Socialist state with its horde of omnipotent officials in the place of other despots—but to reduce the division between all classes."

In the above short review of Otto Strasser's "German Socialism," I have freely used the actual language of Otto Strasser and Douglas Reed. The subject is of tremendous importance as after the war is over and demobilization takes place the economic system has to be brought into line with the needs of the times. Otherwise we will face even worse perils than those the democratic countries face today.

Glass bushings than can be welded to metal, producing a hermetic seal, are a recent metallurgical achievement.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"Oh, for Heaven's sake! The way you shush me, you'd think the old sour puss was standing right behind me!"

Pretty Junior Hostess Overcomes Sailor's Shyness

By KAY MCINTYRE

"I came here for the first time on Christmas Eve and then there promised myself I'd come back the next evening. I was in town," said a sailor, as we danced last evening at the Victoria Hostess House, Fort Street at Cook.

A soldier said: "It's an ideal place. You feel at home here right away."

"Back home I used to go to parties all the time, but I don't know anyone in Victoria, and this is the first time I've danced since I arrived here," said another, as the couples gathered around the wurlitzer to select their favorite tunes.

For the newly-opened Victoria Hostess House is proving itself more than a home away from home. Sponsored by Mrs. Lennox Irving, it's a combination ballroom, giant playroom and canteen, where men of the three services find recreation and amusement, and make new friends.

Judging from last evening's doings, dancing is the No. 1 recreation, with ping pong a close second. Three or four tables had bridge players. A few men wrote letters in a quiet corner, several loafed and read in comfortable chairs before the blazing fireplace.

The tall illuminated Christmas trees stood at either window, and another enormous decorated tree flanked the stage. Smell of fresh paint mingled with that of the pine and spruce boughs that festooned the walls. Wreaths of holly rested above the mantel, while a tiny tree hung with silver ornaments centred the broad table on which were piled high an assortment of magazines to please the taste of every reader.

CURED OF DANCE HALLS

"That fireplace is just like the one we have at home," remarked an artillery sergeant, with whom I sat one out.

"It certainly looks good on a rainy night like this," put in another soldier.

Still another told how the dance halls to which he had found his way in search of amusement would see no more of him since his discovery of this rendezvous.

"I was on my way to one the other night I dropped in here. Only thought I'd stay a few minutes, but I didn't leave till closing time!" he said.

A SHY SAILOR

Just then a young sailor came in and walked over to the table. Hat in hand he stood fingering the magazines and looking about him shyly.

"I wonder if he'd like a game of ping-pong," remarked one of the junior hostesses who was standing by the fireplace.

A moment later the blue-jacket was wielding a ping-pong bat, and his shy smile was replaced by a broad grin as he argued with his opponent over the score. Still later I noted him whirling his pretty new-found friend about the dance floor to the tune of "Down Argentine Way."

Most popular dance tunes are Mart Kenney's latest recordings, with the old-time numbers favorite of the prairie boys, as runner-up. Men of the services are welcome to bring their wives and girl friends with them, but should they come alone there are junior hostesses, the most attractive girls in Victoria, waiting there each afternoon and evening.

Toward closing time last evening we all adjourned to the canteen for coffee, tea and sandwiches, served cafeteria style.

HIDDEN TALENT

An Irish boy from Belfast, with whom I had supper said: "This is the first I've felt hungry since Christmas Day; believe it or not I had three dinners, then. We had turkey and all the trimmings

in the fortress at noon. Then the family who were entertaining us served us another dinner at 2 o'clock that afternoon. I got through that one alright, but it was all I could do to eat the second dinner they served us in the evening. We certainly can't complain about the treatment Victoria people are giving us."

With just the trace of a brogue he told of working in logging camps up the coast before joining up, and in the next breath confessed that painting in oils was his hobby, and inquired if Victoria had an art gallery.

At nearby tables other boys were describing the entertainment they had received at Christmas, and were displaying gifts of socks, gloves and cigarettes presented them by their hostesses that night.

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Torpedo Hits Beach

PUNTA DELGADA, The Azores (AP)—A submarine of unidentified nationality fired a torpedo ineffectively today at a ship which had just left the harbor of this city in the Portuguese Azores.

The torpedo piled up on the beach near Santa Maria and exploded, damaging several houses. The ship re-entered the harbor.

China On Victory Road, Says Lin Yutang

LOS ANGELES.

"China can never be conquered by the Japanese—even if China gets none of the help to which she is entitled from the democracies!"

Calmly, as befits a philosopher, Lin Yutang, one of America's favorite authors told of the China that is and will be.

"Like all people who have visited Chungking in free China," he said, "I have come away with the conviction that China must win, Japan must lose, is even now losing out, and desperately, frantically seeking a way out that may mean new aggression, new war in the world."

In his quiet apartment near noisy Hollywood Boulevard, Dr. Lin reviewed the facts he found during three months in free China, a China, he says, so transformed as to be no longer recognizable as the China he had known in his last previous visit, before the outbreak of the present Sino-Japanese War.

"There is a tremendous unifying national force animating free China today. Even the leaders could not halt it, if they wanted to. Defeat of China through further treachery is ruled out. Not a single Chinese military general has sold out in the past three years."

"I come away vastly impressed by the solidarity and determination that animates the Chinese people from top to bottom."

"Facts, too, point to the inevitable victory for China. Here they are:

"First, free Chinese have plenty of food. They have been lucky; four successive crops have been wonderfully good. This year they are marvelous in all of free China, but poor in the Japanese-occupied areas, where famine rules."

"After three years of blockade, the people of free China have never heard of food rationing. Only gasoline and alcohol are rationed. There is ample food. Of course, food prices have gone up, but wages have gone up, too."

"Don't forget that for 3,000 years China blocked herself against the world. She can do it during the next 10 years too. The food factor is all important in such a war."

Slender, and scholarly, Dr. Lin proceeds simply to tell a story of so many millions fellow-Chinese that he cannot estimate them.

"Second, China can arm herself as well as feed herself. Free China today in hundreds of scattered arsenals is manufacturing all the small arms used in the resistance to the invaders—rifles, machine guns, cartridges. Small arms still are the principal weapons in the Chinese fight. Needed now are aircraft, to wrest the control of the air from the invaders."

"Third, China has inexhaustible manpower; Japan is even now almost at the end of her manpower reserves. The war has not even begun to touch the millions upon millions of Chinese. Conscript in China is nothing like that in any western country."

"Finally, China is a new China. Something has happened to the nation: a new spirit of national solidarity. It is simply amazing!"

ATTITUDE OF CHINESE

Dr. Lin's eyes brood, still seemingly incredulous, on what he has seen. His pipe fumes and smolders.

"The attitude of the average Chinese today is simply this—'Let the Japs do their bombing; we do the building!'"

"All over free China, building goes on—tunnels, roads, houses, in spite of the bombings and murder from the air. Wrecked buildings are repaired, new ones constructed."

"Moreover the damage is relatively restricted—to the large cities. Bombings have been ineffective in damaging the smaller towns and the countryside where houses are scattered."

"Chungking has been decentralized for this reason."

With no more personal passion discernible in his careful diction, Dr. Yutang turns to analyze the present plight of the invader—Japan.

"The Japanese militarists have reached the point of exhaustion in manpower. All reports from Tokyo bear this out. Conservative estimates place at 40,000 per month the Japanese soldiers killed or disabled in the war. That is 500,000 each year. Japan simply cannot afford such losses."

"That's why they are so desperate for peace! Eighteen times I have lost track of the times Japanese moves have been made and feelers have been put out for peace. Chungking—free China—will consider no peace until every Japanese invader is gone from Chinese soil. That includes Manchuria, too."

"Japan is the man who caught a lion by the tail—and dared not let go."

FACESAVING PUSH

"The repercussions of the dilemma of the Japanese militarists are to be seen in Japan's mad push southward into French Indo-China. This move is only a way to save face at the collapse of the invasion of China. They must somehow save face, win victories somewhere to distract from their failure against free China."

"They may do something desperate in an attempt to get out of China, with face—quite possibly an attempted seizure of the Dutch and British Indies. This psychology of desperation, crazy as it may seem, may be effective. They may actually rush into danger."

"But such shift of the front will not end the fight for free China. China will fight Japan in Indo-China, as she will fight Japan anywhere, anytime..."

It is had to reconcile the sweeping assertion of the words with the studied calm of the manner. But there is no faltering of the conviction behind them.

"Calm, in fact, welcomes an extension of the Japanese war front. Already the deploying of Japanese forces from China for the push into north Indo-China has caused a major defeat of the Japanese in China. We recap-

turned 49 towns including an important pass..."

AMERICAN HELP

Next Dr. Lin turns to the subject most important to his heart. He finds and fits the words still more carefully, he is talking of the aid America can give to China.

"Let me continue to deal in facts... The cheapest, surest way to defend American interests in the Pacific is to give China more effective aid. It simply does not make sense to spend \$5,000,000,000 on a navy to fight a hypothetical enemy three years from now while neglecting to assist China which is fighting that same enemy now! Military strategy and common sense require such aid now. Let America give China the price of only two modern battleships—they cost \$80,000,000 apiece for 45,000-ton displacement—and China will fight Japan on a 2,000 mile front for another two years until Japan is actually worn out... and incapable of fighting America."

"What's cheaper than that? How should this price of two battleships—\$160,000,000—be given to China? In the form of fighting planes! Lend China the money to buy American fighting planes; send them through the Burma Road. Then watch free China fight."

"Even if America is forced into war with Japan in the next three months, China has already performed an inestimable service to the United States in weakening Japan!"

"Single-handed, without important aid from the democracies, China has been fighting Japan... has done all this alone... not relied on others to fight for her."

BOOST TO MORALE

"But she hasn't had the help she deserves! Even without help China will go on—but the assurance of adequate, continuing help for the duration of the war will immeasurably boost Chinese morale. We want that assurance, we want to save America from fighting Japan."

"A complete embargo will force Japan's collapse in a short time!"

Dr. Lin speaks slowly, carefully and forcefully—

"Does any one wonder why China needs American fighting planes? China is ready to go on—is going on—but we are fighting under tremendous handicaps. American-made planes will enable us to dispute the Japanese control of the air, will enable us to disrupt Japanese communications on the Yangtze River."

"It is ridiculous that the Japs have been able to send their warships 600 miles up a river in hostile territory."

"Let us have American warplanes and we will make the Japanese air raids impossible, greatly lessening the hardships of the Chinese people."

"China has been fighting the battle of the democracies; but hasn't had the help of the democracies..."

Dr. Lin has long watched and long considered the relations of this new China to other great powers.

"The closing of the Burma Road was the most foolish thing the British government has done! Chiefly it handicapped China by reducing the gasoline supply. Now, fortunately, the road will be opened."

"Soviet Russia has given more material help to China than any other single nation—and at easier terms. Materials and credits have been forthcoming. This is still going on. There will be no such thing as a closing down of Russian material supplies to China, no matter what happens. That is certain."

"Russia will never—no, never—actively help Japan, and will never abandon aid to China. It is to Russia's best interests to help prolong the Sino-Japanese war, to prevent a Japanese victory over free China. Russian exports to Japan are negligible in influencing the outcome of the Sino-Japanese fight."

COMMON FRONT

"While in China I advocated a common front between Russia and the United States in the Far East since the interests of each run parallel. That is still true. I cannot say what will develop, but in Washington the possibility of British-American-Russian action is being considered."

"At least Russia will never become a merely neutral spectator of the finish fight between free China and the Japanese invader. Russia will never cut off its trade with China, never actively aid Japan."

"And China will never be defeated by Japan. Free China must win in the end. In free China today are 40,000,000 Chinese who migrated inland from the occupied coastal provinces, plus the millions who lived inland before. Free China will survive, victorious in the end. But meantime she needs the aid which is her due."

Some day, after that war is won for free China, after the victory, the reconstruction and the clarification of time, Dr. Lin may go on—probably will—with a sort of sequel of Moment in Peking, a panoramic picture of the people of new China. Meantime, he cannot do it. Events are too close, too much in flux, too unsettled and uncrystallized.

His next volume, to appear next month, is more like the Importance of Living than it is like any other of the books that have brought him fame in America. The title is *The Little Critic*; he himself is, of course, the little critic—but something more, something much bigger than that.

Crash Kills 14

TOKYO (AP)—Fourteen persons, including a communications ministry official, were killed when a commercial plane on a test flight crashed at sea near Chiba Peninsula, the government announced.

"Hello, Grandma! We'll Be Over to See You, Saturday"

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'Y' Directors Hosts At 'Open House'

The Y.M.C.A. have completed preparations for the large crowd expected at the annual "open house" on New Year's Day, when members of the armed forces, members of the "Y" and their friends will be made welcome by the director hosts.

A program of music and exhibitions of "Y" work will be provided and afternoon tea will be served. The lobby was decorated this afternoon by members of the Phalanx Club.

Directors attending during the afternoon follow:

From 2 to 3, W. T. Straith, W. W. Martin, J. R. Nicolson, A. Wills and Rev. G. A. Reynolds.

From 3 to 4, H. B. Witter, E. Harrison, S. J. D. Clack, J. O. Cameron, T. Money and Dr. A. Peebles.

From 4 to 5, A. P. Gibbs, J. J. Johnson, Dr. T. W. A. Gray, R. W. Mayhew and E. G. Rowebottom.

In attendance all afternoon will be J. A. Heritable and W. A. Jameson.

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City Hall Topics

Study Judgment On Water Rate

City officials studied a copy of the reasons for the Public Utilities Commission's judgment setting the rate at which the city must sell water to Oak Bay at 6.75 cents per 1,000 gallons.

No statement will be made until the document has been considered in detail.

Indications of city collections passing even the revised estimate of 86 per cent predicted last month were seen at the City Hall today. The trend in recent weeks pointed to tax payments amounting to approximately 87 per cent, it was disclosed.

Endorsement of the city police commission's request for legislation requiring certificates covering the mechanical condition of steering apparatus and brakes on secondhand cars up for sale, is sought in a letter received at the City Hall today.

With no City Council meeting scheduled until January 6, speculation today centred on the membership of the 1941 police commission. The mayor is automatically chairman. Alderman T. W. Hawkins and Alderman Ed Williams served during the current year. With Alderman Hawkins' withdrawal from public life next year came a report Alderman Williams would also ask to be relieved of the post of commissioner should he be re-nominated for the post.

Appointment of committees is a feature of the mayor's inaugural address at the first meeting of the council each year.

Dances Feature New Year's Eve

With Christmas and all its excitement over for another year, Victorians contemplate a quiet week-end in anticipation of a gay and light-hearted farewell to 1940 and an optimistic welcome to 1941.

Thousands of Victorians will go dancing New Year's Eve and a score of big parties at hotels, golf clubs, country inns and yacht clubs. Other thousands will attend midnight matinees, while the largest number of people will probably sit quietly by their fire-sides and toast the New Year with a group of intimate friends.

The many dances are well-booked, although there has been no unusually heavy rush, as there was in former years, when tickets were at a premium for weeks in advance.

The devout will attend watch-night services in most city churches and will quietly pray for victory and for peace sometime in 1941.

The city streets are expected this year to be gay and noisier than ever before when the bells ring out the old year and ring in the new. Because there are many more sailors, soldiers and airmen here this year than last they will no doubt keep the town gay and bright, with hooters and balloons. Nearly every dance hall in town is advertising all-night dances on New Year's Eve, and these will attract the men of the forces and their girl friends.

Restaurants are planning for an unprecedented rush and are ordering extra supplies and engaging extra help for the gayest of all nights in the year.

On New Year's Day the town will go calling. Officialdom will be "at home," as well as scores of private individuals.

More Trainees Get Notice to Report

The last of 2,000 notices summoning young men for compulsory military training at the third draft camps are being mailed today. About 1,000 men, including 200 from Victoria and Vancouver Island, will attend the camp at Gordon Head, and the other 1,000 will go to Vernon camp. Men receiving notices will report January 10 for a month's training. They include age groups between 21 and 23, with a few 24-year-olds. It will be the third draft training period since October.

Oscar, a movie penguin, spends his time between Hollywood engagements in a cage on the pier here. Someone left his cage door open Christmas Day.

His owner, Bob Oefinger, suggested Oscar might be homesick for the Antarctic and be swimming in that direction.

TOWN TOPICS

D. C. Coleman, vice-president, Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal, who spent Christmas in Vancouver with his wife, will visit Victoria over the week-end.

Mrs. H. Humber, 584 Niagara Street, reported to city police that 15 feet of her front fence was damaged by a car driven by a sailor named Bill Thompson, C.R.N., yesterday.

A registration card, driver's license, and some small change were stolen from Miss Jean Mayhew's car while it was parked on Langley Street yesterday, according to a city police report.

Walter Walker, past president of the Victoria Kiwanis Club, has been appointed to the committee on Canadian public affairs for 1941 of Kiwanis International, according to an announcement from Chicago.

The band of the Royal Canadian Air Force from Patricia Bay and a party of entertainers will appear at the Solarium tomorrow afternoon at 3 and give a program specially arranged for the youngsters who are confined there.

GLADYS ARNOLD BACK FROM FRANCE

Miss Gladys Arnold, Canadian Press correspondent, who went through some exciting experiences in Paris at the time of the German occupation, has arrived in Victoria to visit her mother, Mrs. J. H. Sutcliffe, Arundel Drive.

Former member of a Regina newspaper, Miss Arnold joined the staff of the Canadian Press some years ago and was sent abroad as special correspondent, with headquarters in Paris. So tight was the censorship following the Nazi blitzkrieg that the French had no intimation of the disaster that had befallen France until Pétain made his historic announcement of capitulation, and Paris was stunned by the news, Miss Arnold said.

After much difficulty, she left France on June 19, by way of Bordeaux, travelling over roads infested with starving, unhappy refugees, and reaching England after a nightmare trip of 12 days.

She remained in England until the end of August, and her most vivid impression of her stay was the amazing change in the attitude of the people of the tight little island. At first they found it difficult to comprehend the villainy of the Nazi war aims, but in two weeks had awakened to a realization of the horror and girded themselves to meet whatever might come with a determination and unity which Miss Arnold says she will never forget.

WAITERS REMAIN OUT ON STRIKE

VANCOUVER (CP)—Pro-Longation of the waiters' and bus boys' strike which has paralyzed dining-room service at the Hotel Vancouver for five days, appeared likely today as both sides held their ground and the provincial government refused to intervene in the dispute.

Hon. George S. Pearson, Minister of Labor, said today that the Labor Department did not propose to act. He said the dispute had run the full gamut of conciliation and arbitration required under the Provincial Labor Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, and that the legal limit was observed by the waiters before the strike was called.

His department had urged the hotel management to accept the arbitration board recommendation that the waiters and bus boys be given wage increases and union recognition.

Prospects for early settlement received a further setback when it was reported that Van Wyck, general manager of Canadian National hotels, scheduled to arrive in Vancouver yesterday to discuss plans for a settlement, had not left Ottawa.

Meanwhile pickets this afternoon still patrolled in front of the hotel and reservations for the New Year's celebration in the Panorama Roof Cabaret were canceled.

U.S. May Ration Aluminum Stocks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rationing of aluminum products was under consideration in United States government circles today as a means of avoiding possible delays in warplane production schedules. Authoritative sources reported this device was being studied as well as the more frequently mentioned one of production priorities.

The immediate supply of aluminum products for the aircraft industry is scheduled for early survey by the reorganized defence priorities board, whose powers are being delineated in executive orders now being prepared by President Roosevelt.

Oak Bay Tops Home Building

While major projects loomed on the city construction horizon early in the new year, Victoria passed through an inactive building period during Christmas week and Oak Bay set the pace in the erection of homes.

In Oak Bay permits were granted for five new dwellings, two of them for \$7,500 each. Saanich followed along with six homes listed among undertakings of a total value of \$13,300.

In Victoria itself this week one \$600 workshop was started by Smythe and Clarke at 1850 Blanshard Street. A private garage was the only other job for which a permit was issued.

In Oak Bay V. L. Leigh took out papers to construct an eight-room \$7,500 dwelling at 2770 Thorpe Place, while Carver Construction Company was granted a permit to erect a 11-room house at 2760 Beach Drive for the same figure.

Other permits were granted to W. M. Sutton for a five-room \$3,750 dwelling at 1890 Greatford Place; to M. S. Baptist for a \$3,500 six-room home at 2677 Lincoln Street, and to L. Moore for a \$2,700 five-room home at 2447 Bowker Avenue.

In Saanich permits covered total values of \$13,300, and included eight dwellings.

Permits went to Robert Brown for a \$1,500 four-room home on Sayward Road; Charles T. Longman for a \$1,600 four-room dwelling on Cadillac Avenue; Rasmussen for a \$1,900 four-room home on Cadillac Avenue; A. McPhee for a five-room home costing \$3,000 on Wascana Street; Mrs. W. Page for two four-room dwellings on Admirals Road, each costing \$2,000; J. H. and L. Wright for a \$1,600 four-room home on Millgrove Street, and to Frank Newtovich for a \$2,000 five-room home on Seaton Road.

Only one permit was issued in Esquimalt. This went to J. W. Pollard for a seven-room \$4,000 dwelling on Lampson Street.

'BLACK MARKETS' DESPITE NAZIS

LONDON (CP)—"Black Markets," where goods—mostly foodstuffs—are sold above controlled prices, are reported to be springing up in Germany and the occupied countries although the Nazis have sent 1,100 price-control officers into Belgium and have thousands of them in their own country.

Information reaching authoritative sources in London shows that in Berlin alone there are no fewer than 20 branches of the price-control department and everywhere there is evidence that the "little man" in business is running counter to the Nazi system.

These Black Markets may, in fact, be taken as a sign of monetary inflation with the shopkeeper willing to sell above the controlled price and the public anxious to buy. Coffee, for instance, may still be obtained in Germany at a price—up to \$10 a pound.

With spies and inspectors everywhere there are naturally a great number of denunciations and almost as large a number of prosecutions both for food hoarding and excessive prices.

The Germans themselves recently attributed the shortage of butter in Antwerp to the activities of a "gang of criminal dealers."

In France, the Black Markets are particularly extensive and retailers often reserve commodities for special customers. Sometimes there are queues in front of the shop while the Black Market operates at the back door for those who know the ropes.

Nazis Say They Use British Submarine

BERLIN (AP)—D.N.B., German news agency, claimed today the German navy was using a former British submarine, the 2,500-ton Seal.

D.N.B. reported the submarine, her commander and her crew were captured afloat in the North Sea last May 5 after she had been incapacitated by a mine. The agency said the vessel was recommissioned in a German harbor.

The Seal, an undersea mine-layer, was reported overdue and presumably lost by the British Admiralty on May 12. One of the Porpoise class, she carried a normal complement of 55 men. Jane's "Fighting Ships" lists the Porpoise class tonnage as between 1,520 and 2,157.

In City Police Court this morning \$15 was collected from motorists violating traffic regulations. Four paid \$2.50 each for parking infractions and another was fined \$5 for engaging a chauffeur without a proper license.

OBITUARY

KING — The funeral of Walter Jabez King will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 from McCall Bros' Funeral Home, Mrs. E. M. Smiley officiating. Cremation at Royal Oak.

GOULD — Michael Henry Gould, 11-month-old son of Sergt. and Mrs. Chas. H. Gould, 1236 Styles Street, died Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital. Funeral arrangements later.

ARMSTRONG — The funeral of Frederick Chalmers Armstrong will be held from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Tuesday afternoon at 3.15, Rev. J. R. Fife officiating. Interment at Colwood.

DARBY — Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Joan Darby will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 at St. John's Church. Rev. George Biddle will conduct the service. Burial at Royal Oak. McCall Bros. have charge of arrangements.

LEE — Rev. R. W. Lee, 60, retired United Church minister, died suddenly at his home in Teeswater, Ont., yesterday. Rev. Mr. Lee served at Fairfield United Church for several years before going to Teeswater in 1936. He retired due to ill-health in 1938.

MICHIE — Rev. T. H. McAllister conducted last rites at the Thomson Funeral Home yesterday afternoon for Mrs. Isabella Michie. Pallbearers were: D. McKinnel, H. Paton, J. Michie, George Ferguson, L. Michie and Robert Greaves. Cremation at Royal Oak.

DELISLE — John Amos Delisle, 69, prominent businessman of St. Paul, Alberta, since 1919, founder of the town of Delisle, Sask., and former Alberta M.L.A., died at St. Paul yesterday. He was a member of the Delisle Brothers' hardware in St. Paul for several years, later taking over the management of International Harvester Company.

KNIGHT — William Knight, aged 47 years, of 1415 Lang Street, died in Vancouver on December 23. He was born in Wales, and had been a resident of this province for 29 years. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 3.30 from McCall Bros' Funeral Home. Rev. T. H. McAllister will conduct the service. Interment at Colwood.

WHELEN — Funeral service was held today in Vancouver for Miss Annie Edith Lyle Whelen, 66, former Vancouver school teacher, who died Tuesday.

Born in Shawville, Que., Miss Whelen resided in British Columbia for 36 years and at one time was employed in the business office of the Times. She was a life member of the Red Cross.

CAMERON — Funeral service will be held Monday for Colin Cameron, retired Ashcroft Chief of Police, who died in Vancouver Thursday.

He came to Victoria 53 years ago from his birthplace in Paisley, Ont., and joined the Victoria Police Force in 1901. He later served as Police Chief in Windermere, Golden and Ashcroft, retiring in 1918.

ANDERSON — James Anderson, former chief constable of Vancouver, died there yesterday of injuries received in a fall Christmas Day. Anderson was selected by the police commission to fill the position of chief in 1921. He resigned after little more than a year and reverted to the rank of inspector until his retirement in 1929. He was regarded as the "father" of the Vancouver identification bureau.

COPLEY — Richard David Copley, aged 40, of Carey Road, Saanich, died yesterday in Vancouver. He was born in Ireland and served overseas in the first Great War, having enlisted with the Princess Patricia's Regina. Funeral will be held on Monday morning at 11, from McCall Bros' Funeral Home. Rev. Frederic Pike will conduct the service. Interment at Royal Oak. No flowers by request.

RUSSELL — Capt. the Rev. Arthur Bischofberger conducted the funeral service for Lorne McKay Russell in St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church yesterday afternoon. Interment was in the Naval and Military Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ordinary Seamen N. W. Leighton, L. E. Lord, R. Westbrook, P. Lecuyer, C. Mason and J. Wilks. Bugler J. Drysdale sounded the "Last Post," and the firing party was in charge of Petty Officer Calverly. Naval officers in attendance were Commander A. M. Hope, Lieutenant Taylor and Lieutenant Jackson. The officer in charge of the parade was Lieutenant Stairs. The Thomson Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

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Goods Seized, Then Returned

HANOI (AP) — French Indo-China officials reported today a detachment of Japanese sailors entered the warehouse of the American Far East Trading Company at Haiphong and hauled away a quantity of automobile tires and other merchandise in an armored car, but returned all the goods after a protest had been made.

Quantities of United States merchandise are stored here and at Japanese-controlled Haiphong, port on the Gulf of Tonkin, and the refusal of Japanese authorities at the latter place to permit their re-export has been a source of constant friction between the Japanese forces and American traders.

U.S. Plane Export Lower in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — A United States Commerce Department statement reports aircraft exports declined last month as compared with October, and informed sources explain that Nazi raids on shipping are hampering delivery of American planes to Great Britain.

The report says all exports of aircraft and parts in November were valued at \$26,738,000 compared with \$31,389,000 for the month previous. The bulk in both months went to Great Britain.

The report gives no breakdown of figures, but other sources give 291 planes were exported in November, aside from engines and spare parts, as compared with 334 in October.

For December, shipments to Great Britain were reported on the increase.

Japan Would Renew Fish Pact With Soviet

MOSCOW (AP) — Diplomatic sources said today Japan had opened negotiations with Soviet Russia for renewal of a fisheries agreement which will expire December 31.

The agreement, which grants the Japanese the right to fish in some Soviet waters in the Far East, was renewed last year for 1940 just before it expired.

The Russian trade union organ Trud published a review of the domestic situation in Japan in connection with the opening of parliament in Tokyo, and asserted that "discontent is growing."

"The economic position of Japan is becoming more unstable," the newspaper said, because of war conditions, while "discord is becoming more acute among the main groups of the ruling camp" over the foreign policy.

Villa for Leahy

VICHY (AP) — A villa belonging to the wealthy American, Frank J. Gould, has been set aside by the French government as the residence of Admiral William D. Leahy, newly-appointed United States ambassador. The villa was occupied until last June by Edouard Herriot, former president of the French Chamber of Deputies and one-time Premier.

Sir Guy Wilson Dead

LONDON (CP) — Rt. Hon. Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson, 90, a distinguished servant of the state, died today. His last post, from 1918 to 1928, was a statutory member of the high court tribunal for naval prize.

Mass Funerals

MANCHESTER, Eng. (CP) — Seventy-two of this city's recent air raid victims were buried today with a mass funeral.

M. McBratney, 603 Wilson Street, above Hill's Corner, reported to city police that he left home on Christmas night and on returning at 2 yesterday afternoon found the front window open and a new War Savings Stamp bank box, containing \$7 or \$8, missing from the mantel shelf.

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Vancouver to Honor Capt. William Bell

Capt. William Bell, retiring C.P.R. assistant purchasing agent, who last evening was honored by his local colleagues, who presented him with a deep-stuffed easy chair, will go to Vancouver, where he will be feted by the mainland purchasing department of the company on Monday.

Capt. R. W. McMurtry, manager of the B.C. Coast Service, will accompany Capt. Bell to Vancouver to see that he gets a proper "introduction" there. At the same-function Monday afternoon, Frank Lee, district engineer for the C.P.R. at Vancouver for the past 13 years, will be similarly honored on his retirement.

Overnight Entries At Santa Anita

First race—Six furlongs: Palsie Clue 114, Servant Maid 111, Haver 115, Apania Chi 111, Wil Beetham 117, Withus 113, Bold Grifton 115, Teale 118, Mister Major 114, Gladys Knave 122, Pacifica 114, War Brier 122, El Gorgonzola 122, Valinda Bishop 122, Easy Goer 118.

Second race—Six furlongs: First Choice 109, Easy Does It 112, Lady Thirteen 111, Black Highway 114, Candy Hero 114, High Top 111, Coronado 116, Nony G. 108, Mosawrie 122, Prince Ogle 114, Indiantown 122, Old Whisky 118, Mister Major 114, Count Serezy 114, Nocco 116, Musical Jack 122.

Third race—One mile: Miss Grief 112, Stella Gold 114, Gay Mate 107, Paper Boy 112, Quercus 112, Conchella 109, Jasson 109.

Fourth race—Six furlongs: Scott's Pride 102, Zebedee 120, Valley Boy 110, Silwash Girl 102, Dint 105, Don Onusa 115, Transient 102, Polycidey 113, Lady Vain 105, Hecocant 115, Brown China 110, Lady Corvina 107, Justice Nap 110.

Fifth race—Seven furlongs: Labeled Win 106, Intuition 114, Sun By 106, Royal Mariboro 114, Rail Fence 111, Rough News 114, Bull Rough 120, Roman Governor 106.

Sixth race—Six furlongs: King, Torch 109, Blue Suit 106, Great Union 114, Porter's Mile 113, Call to Colors 109, Babbler Boy 117, Saint Andrews 114, Heather Time 100, Mad Sue 114, Arigato 105, Vino Puro 114, Less Time 102.

Seventh race—One mile: Diavolo Cliff 110, Sweepalot 122, Bucket Head 112, Wise Boy 117, Fernie 118, Arjac 118, Orenco 112, African Queen 108, Iron Bull 112, Mr. Grundy 118.

Eighth race—Mile and a sixteenth: Royal Scuttle 108, Tree 114, Happy Heather 112, Nemont 114, Pandit 122, Easy Selling 113, First Port 119, Leven Miss 116, Bright News 116, Danford 114, Jargon 111, Glines County 116, Valinda Anne 106, Shasta Racket 119, Cynic Queen 108, Ebony Moon 116.

It is midwinter by the calendar, but nature says spring has arrived. Yesterday an oak tree, green with new leaves, was observed at the corner of Cotswold and Weald Roads, in the Uplands. Nasturtiums and lilac are green in some gardens and most tulips and daffodils are well above ground, while snowdrops are in full bloom.



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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ruby
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The dancing actress was 19
when she married Jolson, 45, then
a blackface singer, in 1928. He
had been twice married and
divorced.

The court approved a property
settlement under which Jolson

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Bud Abbott, Lou Costello and Nina Theodore in "One Night in the Tropics," a romantic comedy starring Allan Jones and Nancy Kelly which will open Monday at the Plaza Theatre.

Gay Musical
At the Atlas

Rhythmic, gay and lavish,
"Down Argentine Way," a spec-
tacular musical extravaganza will
open at the Atlas Theatre on Mon-
day. Don Ameche, Betty Grable
and tantalizing Carmen Miranda
top the brilliant cast of this "Tech-
nicolor" hit.

Others seen in fine roles in-
clude Charlotte Greenwood, J.
Carroll Nash, Henry Stephenson,
Katharine Aldridge, Leonid Kins-
key and Chris-Pin Martin.

Sweeping across Canada is a
new sensation—Tommy Trinder.
His introductory picture, "Laugh
It Off," funniest, merriest, and
cheeriest picture to come out of
England in years, at the York
Theatre.

"The prettiest girl in London,"
Jean Colin tries to "help"
Tommy when he is conscripted
into the army at the outbreak of
the war. She helps him by try-
ing to go into the army camp.
Well, even the general liked her,
but presence of women in certain
places is not included in the book
of regulations. So Trinder makes
the same sort of fun in the army
as George Formby made in the
air, and audiences howl.

DOMINION THEATRE
A story of love molded in the
furnace of war brings Claudette
Colbert and Ray Milland to the
screen of the Dominion Theatre
today. It is "Arise, My Love,"
heralded as the sensational ro-
mantic drama of the year, with
its setting in the Europe of to-
day's headlines.

Casting Milland as an aviator
idealist and Miss Colbert as a
hard-hitting newspaper girl, the
story carries them to the centre
of world-shaking events. It has
thrills that include an escape from
a firing squad in Spain, a torpedo-
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Hungerford Reviews Year

C.N.R. Has Operating Surplus of \$42,000,000

MONTREAL (CP)—S. J. Hungerford, chairman and president of Canadian National Railways, today estimated the 1940 net revenue for the system at \$42,000,000 in a year-end statement in which he described the contributions of the Dominion's railways to the national war effort.

The revenue estimate was based on the known figures for the first 11 months of 1940 and an unaudited estimate for the month of December. It compares with a net revenue of \$20,854,418 for 1939, and \$6,066,410 for 1938. Estimated gross operating revenues for 1940 were \$244,000,000 and operating expenses \$202,000,000.

"The present conflict gives promise of being the most expensive in consumption of material and equipment of any which the world has yet known," Mr. Hungerford said. "By the close of the war we will have added to our manufactures a long list of items which a year ago were comparatively new to Canadian factories and mills."

The handling of special war-time movements of thousands of men of the navy, army and air force has been the concern of all departments of the Canadian National system, the statement said.

"Less in the public eye, but extremely important has been the task of moving thousands of trainloads of construction materials, machinery and equipment to the new manufacturing plants. As these are completed there comes the work of transporting to them large tonnages of many kinds of raw materials, and carrying to ocean shipping points the production of war material and equipment. Besides meeting the transportation requirements of Canada's fast-growing munitions industry, the country's railway transportation facilities must maintain the flow to the United

Kingdom and other countries of timber, metals, grain, meat, etc."

TRANS-CANADA AIRLINES

In regard to operations of Trans-Canada Airlines, of which he is president, Mr. Hungerford said: "Over a total route mileage of nearly 4,000 miles, the T.C.A. planes are now flying 15,000 miles every day, carrying passengers, mail and express in regular service. Further extensions are planned to speed up the commerce of the country."

"At sea, the vessels of the Canadian National Steamships (West Indies) Ltd. and of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., are doing important work in the import and export activity of the Dominion and in passenger carrying. The vessels operated by the C.G.M.M. include some steamships formerly managed by French and Danish interests. Engaged in the naval defence of the Dominion are the Prince Robert, the Prince David and the Prince Henry, formerly the Canadian National Pacific Coast Steamships fleet."

Navy Fire Inquiry

OTTAWA (CP)—Navy headquarters last night disclosed the names of seven men who were admitted to hospital after a fire leveled naval barracks buildings at Halifax yesterday, claiming one life.

The following six men were admitted to Camp Hill Hospital: O.S. Allen Thompson, injury to second right toe; O.S. John McLean, secondary burns; Cook Hugh Burlevi, secondary burns; O.S. Hugh Bush, secondary burns; Writer Douglas E. Somers, secondary burns; O.S. Wm. T. Hodgman, secondary burns.

The seventh man, admitted to Royal Canadian Navy Hospital for observation, O.S. Roland Leduc, partial suffocation.

Death of A.B. Raymond Snow in the Halifax Barracks fire was disclosed by John Allen Snow of Ottawa, his father who received notification from naval headquarters.

Official investigation of the fire opened at Halifax, headed by S. S. Wright, Nova Scotia fire marshal.

Dutch Warships Aid British Navy

LONDON (CP)—A Netherlands naval officer has announced that several unfinished Netherlands warships brought across the Channel when the Germans invaded the Low Countries last May are being completed in British harbors and would soon go into action.

He added that the Royal Netherlands Navy, which is co-operating with the British Navy, also would be augmented by one of the destroyers Britain received in the naval base deal with the United States.

The spokesman said also the Netherlands fleet air arm now has been equipped with "modern machines."

He said the larger part of the navy escaped to Britain at the time of the invasion of Holland and that only three gunboats and two minelayers were lost in action at that time.

(Jane's Fighting Ships, authoritative naval handbook, reported in 1939 that the Netherlands had four cruisers afloat, ranging from 3,350 tons to 6,670 tons, and three under construction, two of them of 8,350 tons and one of 3,350 tons.

In addition, this source said, the Netherlands had eight destroyers with four building, 12 torpedo boats with 32 building, 21 submarines with nine building and seven gunboats building, plus numerous other auxiliary vessels.)

Ships Attacked Sometimes Escape

OTTAWA (CP)—Distress calls picked up by private radio stations from Allied ships in these days of prowling Nazi submarines are interesting, but, says the navy, only in a negative way.

"It's not how many ships are attacked, but the number that escape, or perhaps even destroy their attacker, that's the big news," said a Royal Canadian Navy spokesman today.

"And," he added, "the situation isn't as bad as private reports sometimes indicate."

For instance, the steamship Sunflower (any similarity in name to a ship in service is purely coincidental) might report she is being attacked. That, admitted the navy man, is news. But so is her escape, and more often than not this news doesn't reach the public.

The Sunflower might cancel her distress call, or she might go lickety-split for port and say nothing about it. But to the navy's annoyance her SOS remains in the public mind.

The navy man explained a distress call is always sent plainly—that is without code—on the 500 kilocycle frequency, which any one with a strong enough apparatus can listen to. But in cancelling the SOS the Sunflower likely would send in code on her regular frequency, and shore listeners wouldn't hear it or know what it meant if they did.

The navy probably gets and keeps to itself more information on distress calls than all private listeners in put together. "To give out this information would be tipping our hand, and we might as well part of the German secret service," said the navy man.

If the navy thought it in the best interests it could announce daily convoy arrivals. For instance, during the past month 73,000,000 pounds of imported goods reached Britain in convoy and 21,000,000 pounds were exported.

"In importance the sinking of or an attack on one ship in convoy doesn't rate beside safe arrival of other ships in the convoy," added the spokesman. "But to tell you know isn't the way to win the war."

ALCANTARA'S CHIEF AWARDED D.S.C.

LONDON (AP)—Lieut. Commander Charles Fellows Gordon, acting commander in charge of the British armed merchant cruiser Alcantara, which fought an indecisive running fight with a German sea raider last July off Brazil, was awarded the distinguished service cross "for good services in action," it was announced yesterday.

Two British seamen were killed and seven wounded in the fight July 29, and the Alcantara put into Rio de Janeiro for repairs.

Lieut. Commander Gordon married Sarah R. Colyer, a cousin of President Roosevelt.

Flynn's Yacht Overdue

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (AP)—Capt. L. L. Bennett, commanding the coastguard here, reported today that Movie Actor Errol Flynn's luxurious yacht Sirroco is overdue between here and Honolulu. Flynn is not aboard. The craft, skippered by William Kell, movie technical director, with six passenger-crewmen, left San Pedro, December 1.

STORM-BATTERED VESSEL IN PORT

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The coastguard cutter Shoshone brought the storm-battered lumber schooner Stanwood into San Francisco Bay early today, ending a three-day fight to save the waterlogged ship from destruction.

Aboard the Shoshone was the Stanwood's crew of 22, but some of the crewmen returned aboard the 627-ton ship when the Shoshone relinquished the towline to a private tug after arrival in the harbor.

At the Marine Exchange it was said the Stanwood would be towed to mudflats and beached so that the lumber cargo, which aided in keeping the vessel afloat, could be removed and the ship pumped out preparatory to docking and repairs.

The Stanwood was en route from Portland, Ore., to San Francisco Christmas Day when one of the worst Pacific storms in recent years overtook the vessel off Fort Bragg, about 150 miles north of San Francisco.

The ship's call for help and report she was in a sinking condition sent coastguardsmen to her aid, among them a crew from the Point Arena station, who themselves got into trouble in the mountainous seas and were rescued Thursday by the cutter Shawnee.

U.S. SUB TENDER FULTON LAUNCHED

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP)—A \$12,000,000 submarine tender, U.S.S. Fulton, was launched at the Mare Island Navy Yard yesterday, 19 months ahead of schedule.

Mrs. Arthur T. Sutcliffe, grand niece of Robert Fulton who invented the steamboat, sponsored the 9,500-ton craft.

"The liberty of the seas will be the happiness of the earth," she recalled Fulton's motto.

"The Fulton will be followed on the Mare Island ways by the submarine tender Sperry, of the same class. Two more are under contract, as are four submarines.

2 Americans Lost When Tanker Sunk

NEW YORK (AP)—The unexplained sinking of the Standard Oil tanker Charles Pratt off the West African coast was reported today by its captain, who cabled that of the crew of 42 American seamen only two were lost.

First word of the sinking was received here yesterday by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey from its London offices and placed the number of known survivors at 20.

Early today, however, Capt. Eric P. Blomquist of the 8,982-ton Panamanian-registered tanker said in a cable transmitted through London:

"Ship lost 21st. All crew rescued except Arthur Duffy, wiper, and Patrick Dougherty, ordinary seaman. Please notify relatives."

Duffy lived at Bayonne, N.J., and Dougherty at Philadelphia.

How the ship was sunk was still a mystery today, as Standard Oil officials received no further information other than the two terse messages.

Ship Losses

By the Canadian Press

Only meagre reports were received of enemy action against merchant shipping in the week ended December 27 and these were not conclusive.

Four British vessels, the 12,823-ton Valatira, the 5,222-ton Everleigh, the 4,980-ton Ardenbrian and the 2,473-ton Saratoga sent wireless messages that they were being attacked by U-boats, but in no case was there any word as to the final fate of the vessels.

The British Admiralty's summary for the week ended December 15 showed a total of 41,476 tons lost in the period, two fifths of the previous week's losses and some 20,000 tons under the weekly average of the war.

C.N.R. Appointments

W. E. Norton has been appointed chief of tariff and ticket bureau, passenger department, Canadian National Railways, according to an announcement by C. W. Johnston, general passenger traffic manager.

Mr. Norton, whose office is at Montreal, has been chief of tariff bureau and now assumes charge of the ticket bureau in addition to his tariff duties.

Other passenger department changes announced include appointment of A. E. Storey as special passenger representative in the office of the general passenger traffic manager. Mr. Storey was previously chief of the ticket bureau. C. J. Campbell, previously chief clerk, has been appointed assistant chief of ticket bureau.

Defence Stocks Favored

NEW YORK (AP)—A creeping year-end rally was extended today in a busy two-hour stock market.

Numerous gains of fractions to around 2 points were posted throughout the list as traders were attracted to the buying side by good business news and indications the bulk of the December tax selling had been confined.

Steels, coppers, industrial equipment and shares of other producers getting the big orders in the national defence and British war supply contracts were favored. A few stocks slipped behind the main trend. United Aircraft dropped more than a point.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)

Down Jones averages closed today as follows:

30 Industrials — 130.14, up .63

20 Rails — 27.85, up .27

20 Utilities — 19.80, up .05

Total sales, 890,000 shares.

Close	Ask
Allied Chemicals	161-4
Alcoa	43-1/2
American Can	96-3/4
American Locomotive	1-1/2
American P. and N.	2-1/2
American Smelter	1-1/2
American Tel. and Tel.	106-3/4
Armstrong	122-1/2
Atchafalca	11-1/2
Atlantic Refining	24-3/4
Canadian National	37-1/2
Canadian Pacific	3-1/2
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United Church of Canada

METROPOLITAN

Services at Metropolitan United Church tomorrow will be conducted by Dr. A. E. Whitehouse. At the morning service he will speak on "Time's Rolling Stream."

Antiphon by the choir, "Sing O Heavens," soloist, Miss Dorothy Parsons, Mrs. W. Hetherington and Mrs. Bruce McLagan will sing a duet, "New Year Comes."

Dr. Whitehouse's subject for the evening will be "Looking Backward." Two anthems by the choir, "And the Glory of the Lord" and "In the Beginning."

Soloist, Mrs. T. H. Johns. From 7.15 to 7.30, informal carol singing by the congregation.

On Tuesday from 11.15 to midnight, watchnight service.

FAIRFIELD

Rev. Norman J. Crees will speak tomorrow morning on "Retrospect" and to the children on "One More Page." Miss Mary Piercy will sing "Hallelujah." A boys' choir will assist in the singing of "Good King Wenceslas." The anthem will be "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings."

In the evening there will be special music, including a solo by Mrs. P. C. Richards, "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?" carol by boys' choir, "We Three Kings;" carol by adult choir, "In the Bleak Midwinter;" anthems, "The Heavens Are Telling," "Rejoice in the Lord" and "The Hallelujah Chorus." The minister will preach briefly.

VICTORIA WEST

Tomorrow at 11, Rev. C. D. Clarke will preach. The choir will sing the cantata "Light of Life." Sunday school will be held at 9.45, C. D. Milley in charge.

BELMONT

Sunday school at 9.45, morning worship at 11, guest speaker, Ernest Bishop, Union College, Vancouver. Choir will repeat part of the Christmas carols at both services. Rev. Bryce H. Wallace will preach on "Dedication" at the evening service.

ST. AIDAN'S

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be held tomorrow at the close of the regular services, morning and evening. Rev. T. Griffiths will preach in the morning on "The Symbol of a New Order" and in the evening on "Facing a New World."

WILKINSON ROAD

Wilkinson Road Sunday school and adult Bible class for men and women will meet at 10, under the leadership of H. H. Green. Public worship will follow at 11.15, when Rev. W. Allan will minister. The choir will render the anthem, "Sun of My Soul."

The board of session will meet Monday evening at the home of G. Jones, Carey Road.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City United Sunday school and adult Bible class will meet at 2.15, under leadership of Miss Muriel Rudd. Public worship will follow at 3.15, when Rev. W. Allan will preach. Special music will be rendered, including the anthems, "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings" and "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem." J. Jones will conduct the choir and Miss Elsie Fryatt will be soloist.

ANGELIC SERVICES

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The Sunday After Christmas Day

HOLY COMMUNION—8 o'clock

MATINS—11 o'clock

Preacher, the Dean

EVENSING—7.30

Preacher, the Dean

ST. JOHN'S

Corner Quadra and Mason Streets

Rev. GEORGE BIDDLE, Rector

8 o'clock—Holy Communion

10 o'clock—School and Bible Class

11—Morning Service

Preacher, the Rector

7.30—Evening Service

Preacher, the Rector

7.15—Organ Recital, Ian Galliford

NEW YEAR'S EVE

11.30—Watchnight Service, Holy Communion

St. Mary's, Oak Bay

Rector, Ven. A. E. de L. Nunn, M.A.

Assistant, Rev. Cyril Venables, L. Th.

Holy Communion—8 o'clock

Children's Eucharist—9.30 o'clock

Matins and Sermon—11 o'clock

Evening and Sermon—7

St. Matthias' Church

Cor. Lillian St. and Richmond Ave.

First Sunday After Christmas

VEN. ARCHDEACON F. C. CORNISH

Holy Communion—8 o'clock

Matins and Sermon—11 o'clock

Evening—7.30 o'clock

Presbyterian

ST. ANDREW'S

Services tomorrow will be held with Rev. J. Lewis W. McLean in charge. The choir will present special music.

The minister's sermon subjects will be: Morning, "On the March," a sermon for the times; evening, "Prophecies for 1941." Sailors, soldiers and airmen will be welcomed.

The choir's music will be: Morning, anthem, "There Were Shepherds," and solo by Mrs. J. H. Ratcliffe, "Wake and Sing, Good Christian;" evening, anthem, "O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings," and solo by Mrs. A. Ward, "The Star of Bethlehem."

Sunday school will meet in the morning; senior school at 9.45; beginners and primary at 11, during morning worship.

ST. PAUL'S

Rev. James Hyde will preach tomorrow morning on the subject "Looking Backward Over 1940 and Noticing What God Hath Wrought On Our Behalf." In the evening the subject will be "God's Most Precious Gift, the Cup of Salvation Which Many Refuse." Sunday school at 9.45; Esquimalt Sunday school at 2.

GORGE

Gorge Presbyterian Church services tomorrow will be at 11 and 7.30; Rev. T. H. McAllister, minister.

At the morning service there will be a children's story and sermon, "The Three Looks," and anthem by the choir. In the evening there will be a song service at 7.15 and sermon at 7.30, entitled "Reviewing the Year." D. R. Park and Mrs. F. Holmes will be in charge of praise.

Salvation Army

CITADEL

Tomorrow's meetings: Kneel drill at 7.30; holiness meeting at 11, speaker, Adjutant C. J. Milley; praise meeting at 3.15, led by Adjutant C. Watt; salvation meeting at 7.30, speaker, Mrs. Adjutant Watt, subject, "What Can Bring Peace?" Sunday school will be held at 2. The Christmas tree entertainment will be held in the Citadel Monday evening at 7.45.

A watchnight service will be held at 11 Tuesday night. Adjutant C. Watt will give an address on "Who Holds the Future?"

VICTORIA WEST

Services tomorrow will be conducted by Major and Mrs. O'Donnell. At 9.30, kneel drill; at 11, subject, "The Way to Victory;" at 2, company meeting, classes for all ages; at 7.30, subject, "Falling Leaves." On Tuesday at 11, Watch Night Service; Wednesday at 10.30, New Year's children and youth rally; on Friday at 5.30, children's supper.

Other Denominations

EMPIRE MINISTRY

Premier Aberhart, leader of the Social Credit government in Alberta, will be the guest speaker at the Crystal Garden Auditorium tomorrow evening at 7.30. The Premier preaches regularly in Edmonton and at the Calgary Bible School when he is at home and is known as an able and acceptable Bible expositor.

No seats will be reserved on this occasion but regular attendants are invited to be early in their seats and to remember "the quarter" Sunday. Miss Ethel James will be at the piano and N. Y. Cross will lead the singing.

TRUTH CENTRE

Rev. E. M. Smiley will speak at Victoria Truth Centre tomorrow morning on "Go Forward." A. Trevett will sing "Awake, Psalter and Harp." In the evening the subject will be "A Peep Into 1941." Mrs. E. Ridgeway will sing "He Will Lead Thee."

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

"This Coming Year" will be the subject at the Monday evening meeting of the Victoria Theosophical Society. Members will discuss the significance of the opening season and what should be "our attitude toward it." The meeting will begin at 8 in Room 204, Jones Building.

ABSOLUTE SCIENCE

Tomorrow morning's service will be held at the House of True Prayer, 2315 Fernwood Road, at 11. Subject of lecture, "Spiritual Realities." The next meeting of the Emerson Club will be January 7 at 8. There will be a healing silence and instruction in the Absolute.

Christian Science

CHURCHES OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

"Christian Science" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon. The golden text is: "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened" (Matthew 13:33).

The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "This city of our God has no need of sun or satellite, for love is the light of it, and divine mind is its own interpreter. All who are saved must walk in this light. Mighty potentates and dynasties will lay down their honors within the heavenly city. Its gates open towards light and glory both within and without, for all is good, and nothing can enter that city, which 'defileth... or maketh a lie'."

Baptist

FIRST

Special music and addresses appropriate to the festive season will continue throughout services tomorrow. In the morning Rev. G. A. Reynolds will preach on the subject "Hitherto and Henceforth." The service in the evening will be chiefly choral, with a brief address by the minister on "Proportional Reasoning."

Under the direction of Oliver R. Stout the choir will present the following program: Morning, anthem, "There Were Shepherds," with incidental solo by Mrs. N. Dackworth; solo, "Bethlehem," Ralph McAdam; anthem, "Cherubim Song;" evening, anthem, "Hark, the Glad Sound," with solos by Miss H. Barr and Stanley Honeychurch; solo, "O Thou That Tellest," Mrs. Jackson; solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod); Arthur Jackson; solo, "Cantique de Noel," Mrs. R. Miller; anthem, "Gloria in Excelsis."

EMMANUEL

Special New Year messages will be given tomorrow by Rev. T. H. Harris, Vancouver. At the morning service he will preach on "The Unknown Way" and in the evening "Looking to the Future." The choir will render appropriate anthems at both services. Mrs. H. Clark will be evening soloist.

Special meetings include Sunday School Christmas entertainment Monday evening at 7.30. New Year's Eve a special watchnight service will be held commencing at 11.

Next Sunday Rev. W. L. McKay will commence his ministry at the Emmanuel Church. A public reception will be held for him Tuesday evening at 8.

CENTRAL

"The World and 1940—You and 1941: A Night With Jesus the Christ, the Teacher Who Taught With Authority" will be the theme tomorrow night, when Dr. J. B. Rowell will preach.

The Scripture chosen for the morning meditation will be "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." There will be a special watchnight service Tuesday from 11 to 12 for prayer and receiving inspiration from the Word of God—"At the Crossroads: Farewell! Hall!"

Spiritualist

FIRST

At the Sons of England Hall, 1216 Broad Street, tomorrow at 7.15, special song service and at 7.30 "Excelsior" will give an address on "Moment by Moment."

A solo and messages will be given at the close of service.

On Monday at 8 in the Victoria Institute rooms, Fort Street, a class will be held in charge of "Excelsior."

MISSION OF ALEXIS will meet tomorrow at 1416 Douglas Street. At 7.30 the control, "Alexis," will speak on "The New Year in Two Worlds." Following this messages will be given by flowers and clairvoyance. Music by violin and piano. Owing to the holiday season, no services will be held during the week.

OPEN DOOR

At No. 3 Surrey Block tomorrow evening at 7.30, Rev. Walter Holder will give a trance address on "Why We Fail in Our Resolutions," with messages at the close of the service. Owing to the holiday season, there will only be the healing and message circle on Thursday at 8, in charge of Rev. Holder and assistants, at 639 Yates Street.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

Dedicated to the memory of Rev. Arthur de B. Owen, late rector of the Church of Our Lord, beloved by all and mourned by many:

A shepherd he, in very truth, Now entered into rest Within God's own immortal fold. Where all that breathes is blest. Where sin and sorrow are no more, Nor far-flung battles rage; Where peace and love and harmony No earth-bound power can gauge.

Beloved, revered and honored, lo, A brother he indeed: Whose ministry as manna fed, The Lord's lost lambs to feed. In time of peril, time of war, With never-failing zeal, He strove to aid a stricken world, The weary-worn to heal.

Strove, too, towards that high mark wherewith His prototype, St. Paul, In boundless faith and fellowship, Salvation preached for all; And so, with humble hearts and meek,

Lord, by Thy grace today, We give Thee thanks for such as he, To light our pilgrim way.

—MARY H. RATHOM

Anglican

CHRIST CHURCH

At Christ Church Cathedral tomorrow morning Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8. The dean will preach at the morning service at 11. Carols will be sung at evensong, when the dean will again be the preacher.

ST. BARNABAS

Services on the first Sunday after Christmas will be as follows: Holy Communion at 8, choral Eucharist and sermon at 11, evensong with a service of carol singing at 7.30.

Daily at 8, Holy Eucharist. There will be no service of intercession on Wednesday at 8, it being New Year's Day.

ST. JOHN'S

Rev. George Biddle will preach at both services tomorrow. The topic in the morning will be "Another Chance" and in the evening "The Trial By Fire." At 10, Bible class and church school. At 7.10 an organ recital by Ian Galliford: "Cloister Scene," "Song Without Words" and "Choral Prelude."

Members of His Majesty's forces are invited as guests of the young people after the evening service.

The church school Christmas party will be held on Monday. Supper at 6.15, carol service at 7.10 and party at 7.30. Parents are invited to the carol service and Christmas party.

On New Year's Eve there will be a watchnight service of the Holy Communion at 11.30.

ST. MARY'S

Services tomorrow will include celebration of Holy Communion at 8 and children's Eucharist at 9.30. This service of the Holy Communion will be for all members of the Sunday school and their parents, when confirmed members will have the opportunity to make their Communion.

Matins and sermon will be at 11 and evensong with sermon at 7. The rector, Ven. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn will be the preacher at the morning services and Rev. Cyril Venables at evensong.

On Wednesday, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 and 10.30. Midweek celebration with special intercessions at 10.30 Thursday morning.

ST. PAUL'S

Services tomorrow: Holy Communion at 8.30, matins and sermon at 10.30, "The Disappearance of the Angels;" carol service at 7.30; Rev. Dr. W. C. Western.

ST. SAVIOUR'S

Services tomorrow will be as follows: Sunday school at 10, morning prayer at 11, carol service at 7. Preacher, H. H. Smith.

ST. ALBAN'S

Services tomorrow: Intercession and Holy Communion at 11; evensong at 7; Rev. F. Comley. Watchnight service Tuesday at 11.15.

ST. JOHN'S, COLWOOD

Matins tomorrow at 11; Rev. P. J. Disney.

ST. MATTHEW'S, LANGFORD

Holy Communion tomorrow morning at 8, evensong at 7; Rev. P. J. Disney.

ST. MICHAEL'S, ROYAL OAK

Services tomorrow will be as follows: Holy Communion at 8.

CHRISTADELPHIANS

CHRISTADELPHIANS—ORANGE HALL, Courtney Street: Morning, 11; evening, 7.30; subject, "A Happy New World." All welcome.

CHURCHES OF GOD

BLANCHARD GOSPEL HALL, 1418 BLANCHARD ST. Lord's Day, evening gospel service, 7.30. A warm welcome.

GOSPEL HALLS

OAKLANDS GOSPEL HALL, 3815 CEDAR Hill Road, Sunday, 10 a.m. Bible classes; 11 a.m., worship; 3 p.m., Sunday School; 7.30 p.m., Gospel service; speaker, Mr. R. Laydard, Portland, Ore. Tuesday, 11 p.m., Watchnight Service, Thursday, 8 p.m., Missionary prayer meeting.

DEEPEN HALL, 1603 REDFERN ST. Sunday, 11 a.m., Breaking of Bread; 3 p.m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 7.30 p.m., Gospel speaker, Mr. A. Mac; Tuesday, 8 to 10 p.m., New Year Eve service; Thursday, 7.45 p.m., prayer and Bible study. Come.

LUTHERAN

DIVINE WORSHIP, WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 1120 Hillside, 7.30 p.m., January 1. Theme: "Fear and Hope; Vigils of New Year." Rev. W. P. Doug.

GRACE ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH—Blanchard and Queens Services Sunday: 11 a.m., 7.45 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m. Pastor, Rev. Theo. A. Jansen.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), 1829 Fern St., off Fort; Sunday meeting for worship, 11 a.m.

SPIRITUALIST

FURST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, R.O.E. Hall, 1216 Broad St.: 7.15, Song service; 7.30, address; solo, messages.

OPEN DOOR SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, Suite 3, 639 Yates Street; 7.30 p.m., trance address; Rev. Walter Holder; messages; healing, Thursday, 8 p.m.

THEOSOPHICAL

VICTORIA THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY—Jones Building, Fort Street: Public meeting, Monday, 8 p.m.; subject, "This Coming Year."

United Church of Canada

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Rev. Hugh A. McLeod, M.A., B.D., Minister

Rev. Fred Anderson, M.A., Visiting Pastor

Miss Marie McDougall, Deaconess

11 a.m.—"THE UNTRODDEN WAY"

7.30 p.m.—"THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH"

(Seventh in Series on the Doctrine of the United Church of Canada)

Metropolitan United Church

Corner Pandora Avenue and Quadra Street

Minister—REV. A. E. WHITEHOUSE, B.D., D.D.

11 a.m.—"TIME'S ROLLING STREAM"

7.30 p.m.—"LOOKING BACKWARD"

7.15 to 7.30 p.m.—Organ Recital, Edward Parsons

7.30 to 7.45 p.m.—Informal Carol Singing by the Congregation

Fairfield United Church

Corner Mass St. and Fairfield Rd.

REV. NORMAN J. CREES, B.D., S.T.M.

11 a.m.—"RETROSPECT"

To Children—"One More Page"

7.30 p.m.—SERVICE OF MUSIC

Oak Bay United Church

Corner Granite and Mitchell Streets

11 a.m.—Public Worship

"SUFFICIENT GRACE"

7.30 p.m.—Public Worship

"SOUTH WINDS"

Minister, Rev. F. R. G. Dredge, M.A.

matins and sermon at 11; Rev. Canon H. V. Hitchcox; evensong and carols, Rev. S. J. Wickens.

ST. COLUMBA

Services tomorrow will be as follows: Holy Communion at 9.30, Sunday school at 10, evensong with carols at 7.30; Rev. Canon H. V. Hitchcox, rector.

ST. LUKE'S

Holy Communion tomorrow at 8, matins at 11, evensong at 7.30; Rev. F. Pike.



Presbyterian Church in Canada

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Saint Andrew's

PRESBYTERIAN

Corner Douglas and Broughton Sts.

Minister

REV. J. L. W. MCLEAN, M.A.

Organist and Choirmaster

C. C. WARREN, L.B.S.N., A.T.C.M.

11 a.m.

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TRIAL ADJOURNED UNDER PROTEST

The Defence of Canada trial of the four Mezzers—Robert, Mary, Roy and Howard—which is nearing its close, was adjourned to next Friday in Oak Bay Police Court yesterday when defence counsels Stuart Henderson and John Stanton failed to put in an appearance.

Fred Elliott appeared for Mr. Henderson and requested the adjournment, which Claude L. Harrison, Crown counsel, objected to. Mr. Elliott told the court he had been asked to request the adjournment because Mr. Henderson was in Vancouver visiting his sister.

Magistrate Henry C. Hall said that was no grounds for adjournment, but after Mr. Harrison had agreed to it with the comment "I do so with great reluctance," the magistrate granted the postponement.

Mr. Harrison said he had not been notified until court time yesterday that defence counsels would not be on hand. He said he had come to the end of his patience in regard to Mr. Henderson's actions in this case.

Mr. Elliott said he had been given to understand there would be no opposition to adjournment. He said he was not well enough acquainted with the details of the case to carry on for Mr. Henderson.

Magistrate Hall warned the defendants that whether regular defence lawyers were available or not next Friday the trial would go on.

Adding molasses and other by-products of the sugar industry to the soil has proved successful in removing alkalinity and increasing crop production.

Letters to the Editor

VITAMIN B1

To the Editor:—For a people that would rather have health than riches, and if this war lasts a few years longer, all of us that are left will need the best of health, the richest thing in life, and it is here for all. Experts tell us that anyone can be immune from all ailments, can defy disease of any kind to touch us, by putting back in our food what the millers have taken out of our food so they could ship it to other countries and no weevils could live in it; it would keep for years; as after wheat goes through the various mill rollers there is no life left in it.

I believe I have found that B1 or thiamin, is a most important vitamin needed by every living soul, especially the growing child to ensure strong teeth. Get ½ lb. of rice polishings and 1 lb. wheat germs, mix well together, take one tablespoonful—twice a day. Do not cook. Can be put on breakfast foods or fruit; after three days the amount you take can be increased.

Neither the doctor or anything in the drug stores have helped me in the past 30 years, and having faithfully used the above simple food for only five weeks I am confident my health is building rapidly. I expect by the time I am 80 years old, only another two years, to be able to outrun Long Boat, the runner from Edmonton.

W. C. GROAT.

THANKS

To the Editor:—A few days ago I appealed for donations of Christmas cheer for the men who frequent the Recreation Rooms.

I had a most generous response, in material and money, several omitted to give an address. So through your letter column, may I extend my thanks; also the appreciation of the men, who in most cases would have received nothing.

After obtaining all I needed for distribution in the rooms, I still had several dollars on hand, this I used to pay for a good Christmas dinner for a number of the men whom I found had not already had a good meal. I feel sure our generous donors will approve of this action.

A. H. HUNDLEBY,
 Secretary Citizens' Recreation Rooms.

THIS UNBELIEVING WORLD

To the Editor:—Nellie McClung in her article, "Christmas as World Challenge," (Victoria Daily Times, 12.21.40) says, in part, the Church of Christ was established in an unfriendly and unbelieving world, and it cost the lives of extraordinary men who knew no fear, etc. From present observations the writer would like to add a note to supplement Mrs. McClung's challenge, and say that we are still living in the old world of unbelief and unfriendliness and that the lives of more extraordinary men and women who know no fear will be sacrificed in the bringing of the New Truth prophesied in the Bible, if more ordinary men and women do not learn it soon enough to save them.

So long as truth shines there shall be light in the world. May its beam grow until man's inhumanity to man is a thing of the past, is the Christmas wish of

(MRS.) LORENA A. NAYLOR
 2654 Fernwood Rd., Victoria, B.C.

DOUKHOBORS MORE CHRISTIAN THAN CHURCHMEN

To the Editor:—Having read a report in your paper of what a member of Parliament had said, also having heard what a minister of the Gospel stated from his platform about Doukhobors, I am writing this letter.

We get tea from China, India and Ceylon, and certain districts in these countries produce different qualities.

We buy from our stores certain advertised brands. If these brands are not satisfactory it is not the fault of the tea but the blenders.

Everybody in England knows about the tea-blending business.

So if the Doukhobors or any other sect have not developed into the type of Canadian we would have them to be, the fault lies with the different organizations who are supposed to develop the true Canadian.

I have known the Doukhobors since 1899-1900. I have been probation officer, inspector of bureau of child protection and old age pensions right in their midst. Also I have been a member of the same church choir some of these Doukhobors sang in, and could give examples from personal knowledge how they

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Oh, stop worrying where the government is going to get 49 billion and tell me where we're going to get \$16.50 to meet this bill!"

have been treated by government officials and organized religion.

Upon two occasions I had the Sons of Freedom call off their nude parade and was very thankful I knew something about the Bible in order to answer some of their questions.

We have the Original, Independent and Sons of Freedom now to deal with—a thing very often forgotten. But all of them were double-crossed by their late leader and not wanted by either the Protestant or Roman Catholic churches.

Any sect that commands absolute silence while grace is said before and after meals, which makes an honest effort to keep the 10 commandments—especially the third and fifth—which believes in the second coming of Christ more so than some of us, who repeats the Apostles' Creed or takes part in Holy Communion, should not be a problem.

Everyone who has spoken to me about them and maybe used stronger terms than the two gentlemen already mentioned, I find has never lived among them, worshipped in the same church with them or tried to get their confidence in order to understand them. In fact, they cannot even describe an ideal Canadian.

PERCY DALLEN,
 1015 Bank Street.

REPRISAL BOMBINGS

To the Editor:—A short time ago I read in your paper a quotation from the Bishop of Coventry, who should speak with authority on the subject, in which he favors reprisals "in kind" on Germany for deliberately bombing and machine-gunning civilians—women and children, hospitals, etc., preferred. I note you agree with the bishop, and so should we all. If an enemy "plays the game" and fights according to the rules recognized in every decent country, then by all means let us do likewise. In a prize fight, let us say, would it be fair to permit one of the fighters to use a gun and poisoned dagger while his opponent competes with his bare hands?

Take the case of the Bremen. Because she was an unarmed ship it was against the "tradition" of the British navy to sink her, so we permitted her to proceed safely on her way to port. Can you imagine our enemies acting thus? On the contrary, the more women and children on such a ship the more pleasure they would have in bombing and torpedoing her. These people are absolutely ruthless and should be destroyed as one would destroy poisonous snakes, man-eating tigers, etc.

The only rules they understand are force and ferocity. They refer to the British as "soft-hearted." In this case it looks more like their being "soft-headed!" It is high time we gave them a full dose of their own medicine, if, indeed, we are not already doing so.

H. LECKIE-EWING,
 476 Transit Road.

MAKE PRISONERS KNIT

To the Editor:—From time to time, opposition has been voiced by labor organizations and others against the employment of prison labor. We must recognize that idleness, wherever it is found, is a debilitating factor, and that the unemployment problem is no less severe within prison walls than it is outside. The director of American prisons has described American prisons as vast idle houses filled with discouraged and disgruntled men. In spite of the trenchant findings of the Royal Commission in Canada, similar conditions are known to exist here. Both the authorities and society seem quite content if only the offender is effectively

quelled for the time being. The

fact that he is idle most of the time, and learns to forget that he was once, perhaps, a responsible member of society, does not weigh in his favor when he once again faces society and makes his honest bid for a place and decent recognition.

According to the American Prison Association, there were in 1930 between 90,000 and 100,000 idle men in state prisons.

It might be useful to recall that in Great Britain and also in Germany, prisoners of war are making gloves and all sorts of useful things required by army and naval services. The women of the Empire find much to occupy their time with knitting, and also in making garments for air raid victims. Since the authorities have not yet been rescued mentally from the idea of idleness, and punishment by impaling their victims, like brutes within an iron den, it would be some mitigation and relief from the neglect and tyranny which a brutish, neglectful and unintelligent system imposes, to permit these incarcerated, idle and lonely wards of the government to employ their God-given time and energy to such relaxing and delightful employment as knitting socks and other garments for the use and benefit of our soldiers, sailors and air raid victims. No manufacturing company, or labor organization could object to this kind of service; and it is not possible that such honorable recreation might be the means of saving the minds and lives of some of these men who find it so difficult to preserve their sanity while in prison, and also give them an interest and place in society through such activity. Society is held together by love and service. Idleness breeds contempt for law and order. It is blind and motionless. A suggestion to the ladies, who work so well and long in the home and for so many good causes: Ask your government to put these lonely men to work, and you supply the wool.

HARRY LANGLEY,
 1002 Collinson St.

TIMBER LEASES

To the Editor:—It seems that F. D. Mulholland is slightly in error about the date when timber leases were discontinued in British Columbia. He puts it at 1905. It would also appear that he is in entire ignorance of the monstrous patchwork which took place between the years 1907 and 1909.

Up until 1907 you couldn't lease timber limits unless you owned a sawmill of a specified capacity; in that year the provision was withdrawn and the pure speculator "had his chance" as a high-placed politician put it. The speculator promptly embraced his opportunity and in a few years two-thirds of the provincial timber was under lease. The government then discontinued leasing. This firming up the value of what was in the speculators' hands and their winnings had a cash value of over \$200,000,000. Isn't it rather singular that this little episode has escaped the keen eye of Mr. Mulholland entirely?

This timber has now been withheld from those who might have used it for more than 30 years, at what they themselves describe as a nominal rental, and the leases bought and sold for enormous sums, the latest announced a week or two ago, being around \$800,000.

Mr. Mulholland states that "forest land is 93 per cent state-owned now." Yes, the state owns the land, but the speculators own the timber, and put the proceeds of the sales into their own pockets. There is a clause in the Liberal

platform of that period: "We condemn without reserve the wholesale disposal of timber lands to speculators which has been the only timber policy of the present government." Another clause promises as follows: "A readjustment of the system of taxation whereby the province will receive a fairer proportion of the unearned increment."

At the session of 1927 the government brought down and passed legislation taxing the unearned increment in accordance with their promise. Mr. Pooley opposed it as he was frankly in favor of the "sporting speculator."

Mr. Pattullo, who was Minister of Lands, spoke up and told him: "Your party gave away two-thirds of the timber for nothing."

Without any adequate reason or excuse the unearned increment tax was repealed at the following session and the gamblers in nature's bounties continue to rake in their enormous profits without contributing their just share to public expenses while those who do useful things are bled white with taxation. Bitter experience taught as long ago that political platforms are but sucker bait. Now, however, apologists for the politicians are proclaiming it in almost the same words from the houseposts.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON,
 1040 Fairfield Road.

BOMB ALL MERCILESSLY

To the Editor:—Referring to the letter on reprisals by Wm. Barton, his views seem to me, and must to thousands of other participants in the last and present wars utterly futile and senseless. Lt.-Col. Flick stated "War is hell," and with this I, again as well as thousands of others, agree, having spent three and a half years fighting in the front line of the trenches with the Royal Berkshires, and having therefore seen at first hand all the horrors, atrocities, ruthlessness and accursedness of war.

How Mr. Barton could for one moment contemplate the "turning the other cheek" attitude entirely passes one's comprehension. We have to do as the enemy are doing, bomb mercilessly their cities, towns, villages, with no regard for their women, children, aged or infirm. Otherwise, what remote chance have we of conquering Hitler and all he represents of tyranny, bloodshed and brute force. If Mr. Barton wants Nazism in its vilest form, let him carry out his theory of "loving our enemies."

Has he, I wonder, read Mark Twain's war prayer, published posthumously 30 years ago. If not I should be glad to send him a copy.

Surely the sooner the wave of utterly false sentiment and false sympathy that is continually cropping up should be once and for all terminated, for it seems to be nothing more than a betrayal of the people:

J. TOUMÉ,
 2346 Estevan Ave.

RIDES FOR SOLDIERS

To the Editor:—As the Red Cross Superfluties Store has recently endeavored to have the public place stickers on the windshields of their cars signifying their willingness to give lifts to members of His Majesty's forces, we feel it right to ask you, to publish the following letter which we have received from the Assistant Judge Advocate General, Military District No. 11, for the further information of the public.

From the information contained in the letter those who give lifts are hereby informed exactly how they stand from a legal point of view but notwithstanding the writer very much hopes that it will not deter drivers from extending this courtesy to men who are about to face very much greater risks than that referred to, if able to afford to do so.

"The undersigned has been directed to reply to your letter to the Officer Commanding, Military District No. 11, with reference to the liability of owners of automobiles in connection with accidents causing injuries to military personnel traveling in them as gratuitous passengers.

"A reference is made to the 1938 amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act of this province doing away with any legal right of action against the owner or driver of a motor vehicle for damages arising out of injuries to gratuitous passengers, and a case is cited where the Crown has claimed payment for hospitalization and loss of service for a soldier injured while being driven by a civilian.

"No doubt the Crown is proceeding upon the well-established principle that it is not bound by any provision of any enactment unless it is expressly stated therein that His Majesty shall be bound thereby. The amendment in question does not contain any such expression and the principle seems sustained by authority that the Crown is entitled to maintain a claim against the owner or driver of an automobile for the loss of services of any of its servants by the tortious act of the

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driver, and to recover any damage which it has thereby suffered.

"The above, in the opinion of the undersigned, replies to the question set out in your said letter, and which is to the effect that liability under some circumstances can ensue.

"Whether or not liability results in any given case must depend on the facts of that case."
 R. O. D. HARVEY, Major, Asst. Judge Advocate General, Military District No. 11.

A. H. PEASE,
 Honorary Manager,
 Red Cross Superfluties Store,
 1220 Government Street, Victoria.

RENT PROFITEERING

To the Editor:—As houseowner, tenant (which I believe Mr. Maurice is not), and househunter, I offer reliable evidence on the above:

Without mentioning all houses, owners, agents, where rent has risen, ostensibly through war conditions, here's one: A bungalow built in boomish days, 1911, in an ideal situation, semibasement flooded in winter, badly planned, badly built, water-pressure now almost nil; it was urged on me as a buy in 1919 and 1924, last time at \$2,500; offered for rent at \$27. It is now rented at \$40!

Recently, I asked an agent for a house at \$25. He replied: "Nothing under \$35—we start at \$35 now!" I asked, "Why now? Surely rent depends on value?" He answered, "Oh, no, not now! Rents start at \$35. We (sic!) won't allow anything lower!" He then suggested one at \$35, which, to my knowledge was \$22.50 three years ago, and dear at that.

Other agents have replied: "Well, it's the owners' chance now to retrieve their fortunes!" Voila! In a nutshell! Owners have often made surplus hay while the sun shone; have sometimes had bad "crops," like other investors and thousands of workers; but agents have prepared the ground and a devastating world war provides the "sun!"

There are too many real estate agents here; also too many doctors and lawyers. But the professions do not stoop to war-profiteering. This pincer-like gesture remains to crabs and building trades, including houseagents. Why should the war-torn public be forced to support these superfluties?

H. CHERITON HILGATE,
 Box 21, Courtenay, V.I.

KIDNAPPER TRIES TO END LIFE

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Calif. (AP)—William Jakob Muhlenbroich, serving a life term for the kidnapping of three-year-old Marc de Tristan, attempted suicide in his cell.

Warden C. Duffy said the first intimation of the attempt came

when Muhlenbroich appeared almost to collapse while working at his loom in the prison jute mill. He was rushed to the prison hospital. Dr. L. L. Stanley said his wound was not serious and that he was in no danger.

"I'm sorry I didn't finish it," the convict was quoted.

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Owing to a foolish mistake (yes, we make 'em too) a whole shipment of Gift Stationery was not sold before Christmas. These consist of the most attractive "Letterette" Art Boxes in all shapes and sizes, designed for Desk Baskets, Knitting Boxes, Miniature Chiffoniers, Portfolios, etc. All are filled with finest stationery, marked prices were \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25, now you take your choice at only

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Bela Lanan COURT REPORTER

Decision in the Strange Case of "THE SINISTER SANTA CLAUS"

(Continued from page 12)

"Bull" Nelson, ex-wrestler, down and out, the man who was driven to the depths of a desperado on Christmas eve, was found GUILTY in the lower court, which decision was affirmed in the California Supreme Court.

One of the odd angles to this case was the fact that while Nelson was guilty of what is usually called robbery or hold up, he actually was guilty of a crime that he did not know he had committed.

Nelson was really tried under the law governing kidnapping. The California Legislature passed an act to amend this law, so that the penalty for "seizing or detaining one for extortion and inflicting upon the victim any degree of bodily harm," might be death or life imprisonment. This is exactly the crime that "Bull" Nelson committed unwittingly.

Nelson's counsel challenged and criticized the legislature for passing this death penalty clause, but the court said: "The fixing of penalties for crimes is a legislative function and in passing this act, that body acted in response to the will of the people. The judgment of the lower court, appealed to this court, is hereby affirmed."

This is taken from a true case. Reference of citation may be had by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to "Bela Lanan—Court Reporter."

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Horoscope for 1941:

British Victory, Spread of Communism in Stars

IN THIS PERIOD of world upheaval, astrologers who interpret the message of the stars reach varying conclusions, but all agree that the year 1941 will bring tremendous stress and strain to the peoples of all lands. In the horoscope of King George VI of England is read ultimate victory to which the United States will contribute men as well as ships, airplanes and tanks.

The year will be marked by many disturbances of nature—earthquakes, tidal waves, tornadoes and storms of extreme severity. Great property losses will thus be added to the destruction wrought by war. Migrations of populations will cause amazing changes in national characteristics, eradicating distinctive qualities, and improving the mental and physical powers of large groups. Inventors and scientists will make long strides. Out of the wreck and ruin of the world eventually will rise nobler nations and greater cities.

SIGNS OF PEACE

After this winter of horrors the summer will bring bitter conflicts, but in September there will be signs of peace. The great conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in 1941 is read as indicating the

ending of major wars. Though this European war is Plutonian in its planetary direction there is abundant promise of progress along new lines of human development.

Canada and the United States are to become increasingly important as world powers and centers of world progress. Supreme achievement for our great democracy will be bought at a high price. The next three years are to bring tests that demand heroism and sacrifice. Warning is given that the making of vast fortunes and spending them generously will undergo change. This new year marks the growing up of democratic nations. They must put away childish things as they meet courageously the ordeals which cannot be escaped. Dictators plainly covet the wealth and endless advantages represented by the lands that lie between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.

Closer relations between the British Empire and the United States will be welded by bloodshed and sacrifice. Changes are prognosticated in the government of England. Winston Churchill must put away childish things as they meet courageously the ordeals which cannot be escaped. Dictators plainly covet the wealth and endless advantages represented by the lands that lie between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.

den as Prime Minister. The King and Queen will continue to gain in the traditional reverence of the people. There is a sign which indicates that the Duke of Windsor will be called back for important service, a crisis revealing his devotion to the nation over which he once reigned.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

The Moon, ruler of Germany, occupies the eighth house, pre-figuring heavy losses now, followed by future regeneration. All the signs seem to foreshadow a spiritual awakening in a world which has valued material gain and physical pleasure above all else. Hitler is to have but brief ascendancy and may die before he can witness more than partial fulfillment of his evil plans. The fires of revolution and rebellion will destroy him, if he does not die this year.

Russia will gain in power, for Stalin will outwit Hitler. Any pact with the Axis will be of brief duration, it is predicted. Warning is given that the United States may make some false step in its negotiations with the Soviet government. Secret plans and unexpected moves are predicted. Great changes in policies are

prognosticated and a new Russia for 1943 is foreseen.

France is to come back under extraordinary circumstances when the domination of Germany is broken by force, but 1941 will be a hard year for the people of Paris and the occupied area. Italy also is to undergo changes when Mussolini loses the reins of power.

COMMUNISM TO SPREAD

Unfortunately, Communism is foretold as likely to spread, for the seeds of carefully sown propaganda are to germinate in many countries. The years 1942 and 1943 will be dominated by strange leaders. Belgium comes under better planetary influences in May and its destiny may be linked with the new France.

The end of Japan's war in China is forecast for this year when the aggressor learns that membership in the Axis brings little aid. Japan is to suffer more than one severe earthquake. Economic depression will be a terrible aftermath of war in Japan, as in Italy, France and Germany. Since international banking systems must be rebuilt the democracies will feel the grip of extreme taxation.

Gable, Rooney, Tracy Top Year's List



Clark Gable Mickey Rooney Spencer Tracy Tyrone Power Bette Davis Deanna Durbin

By PAUL HARRISON

WITH THE SEASON near when everybody in Hollywood will be making forecasts and taking hind-sights, your correspondent is going to try a little of both with a prediction of the list of box office stars of 1940:

The Messrs. Clark Gable, Mickey Rooney, Spencer Tracy, Tyrone Power, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and James Cagney. For eighth and ninth places, a couple of actresses: Bette Davis and Deanna Durbin. And winding up the list of the Top Ten: Errol Flynn.

All this may seem a little brash, since I have not been in communication lately with any spirit controls, and since the true list of box office stars, when announced, will represent a consensus of 1,200-odd movie exhibitors polled by the Motion Picture Herald.

But my own brand of cinematology, or movie-star-gazing, prompts me to stick out my neck. Gable is at his zenith and can't be eclipsed—especially with GWTW nearing a \$22,000,000 gross. Rooney and Tracy are securely in the sign of Leo, the M-G-M lion. The stellar Power is in the ascendant. Hope and Crosby are in conjunction with

Venus—a sultry, saronged one named Dorothy Lamour.

GABLE TOPS

Anyway, it's a cinch that Shirley Temple, Alice Faye and Sonja Henie were three members of the Top Ten in 1939 who can't repeat this year. Their places will be taken, I believe, by Hope, zooming up from almost nowhere; Crosby, who long has been hovering just below the winners, and who this season has been getting better pictures; and Deanna Durbin, who each year has risen among the honorable mentions until now she seems sure of a spot in the upper bracket. I predict she'll be No. 9, although as an individual attraction she ought to have third or fourth place.

Hollywood will be pleased about the acknowledged leadership of Gable, whose fan-popularity record is unapproached by any other player in movie history. Ever since the Motion Picture Herald poll was started, in 1931 he has been one of the 10 biggest money-drawing stars. After a few seasons, when forecasters were saying he'd surely begin to slip pretty soon, he fooled 'em by rising to second place and staying there three successive years. In 1939, when Shirley Temple

tumbled from first to fifth ranking, Gable was expected to land clear down in the cellar as a result of "Idiot's Delight," a flicker which delighted nobody except bullish gamblers in motion picture stocks. Instead, he lost only a couple of files in the popularity ratings.

And this time, after nine years of stardom, Miss Lombard's "Big Moose" is bigger than ever.

NEW KEY FOR SPENCER TRACY

A surprise is waiting for people who say, "The only trouble with Spencer Tracy is that I'm always aware I'm watching Spencer Tracy. He doesn't make up to look different, and he plays all his roles in one key."

Neither his studio nor the actor himself admits that frequent criticism is the reason for his playing "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." I wouldn't know. But I am sure that when Jack Dawn finishes puddling his hell's brew of rubber and plastics and casts the masks of the horrific Hyde, nobody will be able to recognize Mr. Tracy. I saw Dawn practicing on a stooge, and the result looked like a composite of a Karloff monster and a demonic Harpo Marx.

It was only back in 1932 that Frederic March won an Academy Award for the dual characterization. Tracy says he always has wanted to play it, and this in spite of his actual physical aversion to make-up.

Joan Crawford also has a picture with changes of face and pace. At the beginning she'll be disguised by a terrible scar, deep enough to twist her soul. As a matter of fact, that's the whole matter of fact, that's the whole story of "A Woman's Face"—the character changes which accompany surgery's slow creation of beauty. It's a role that will make her envied by every sure-enough actress in town.

How You Lose At Contract

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
THE DECLARER certainly handled today's hand in splendid fashion to make his contract of three no trump.

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The opening lead was won by the queen of hearts. The jack of clubs was led and ducked all

HOROSCOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

This is not an important day in planetary direction. Benefic aspects dominate as the stars encourage reflection and meditation. It is a day most favorable for religious observance.

Fortunate direction of the stars for women young and old is discerned for today. It is a time for turning away from frivolous interests, for coming months are to contain fewer play days than formerly. Energies should be concentrated upon service to humanity, beginning with members of the family. Whatever adds to harmony and comfort in the home now should be of first concern. Closer co-operation with the churches is presaged.

Self-sufficiency on the part of communities will be an aim of the new year, when decentralization of many public interests will be encouraged.

Changes within the government of Italy are forecast. The Pope is to exercise a beneficent influence. There is a sign that seems to presage continued power for Mussolini, but he will suffer disappointment in his plans, especially in the Balkans. Loss of shipping is foretold. Secret diplomacy will leave Italy out of certain aggression plots. Bombardment of various islands may prove that victory may presage defeat.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the augury of a year of im-

portant changes which will be advantageous. Finances will be satisfactory.

Children born on this day probably will be prudent, reliable and conscientious. They should be of unusual mentality, industrious and successful.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Benefic aspects rule the busy hours of this day in which there are adverse influences after high noon. It is a date for planning constructive work of all sorts, also for winding up the year's business matters.

Women may be restless and uncertain under this configuration. They should assume a positive attitude in which a program for the new year is carefully worked out. There may be a tendency toward self-deception today, which is a time to look at facts courageously. Girls should devote attention to home tasks, for today there is no promise of suitors or new friends among eligible young men. Informal social affairs are likely to be successful.

Rare handicrafts are to be brought to this continent by refu-

around. West led the jack of spades, which South won.

South returned a spade, and West was in with the ace. The next trick was won by the 10 of clubs, and dummy cashed two more clubs. On a diamond lead

South played low and king won.

West cashed the queen of spades for his eighth trick, put South in with a spade, and East made the king of hearts at the end when South had to lead from the ace.

THE COMIC ZOO

LITTLE TOMMY TUMBLE...



By Scarbo

JUNGLE GEMS



Stories in Stamps



WAR TAKES TOLL IN PHILATELY, TOO

STAMP COLLECTORS will have plenty of work revising albums when the war is over. Of the 35 pre-war countries of Europe, nine have ceased stamp issues, status of a tenth is doubtful, and there may be more changes in the future.

First to disappear was the Saar, which issued stamps under the League of Nations from 1920 to 1935. The city hall of Saarbrücken is pictured on the stamp above. Saar issues totaled 154 postage, including overprints, 60 semipostals, eight air mails and 26 officials.

Austria, Czechoslovakia, Danzig and Poland followed rapidly. Soviet Russia took over Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania; Italy moved into Albania.

Whether Luxembourg will regain independence is doubtful. Now, with the Grand Duchess in exile, the little principality is only a German district.



NETHERLANDS INDIES BOLSTER DEFENCES

TOKIO'S ENTRANCE into the Rome-Berlin axis increases threat of Japanese conquest—military or economic—of the Netherlands East Indies. Japanese ambitions in the "Great East Asiatic space" are well known.

Although the majority of the Indies' 65,000,000 natives are more concerned with rice cultivation, pictured on the stamp above, than with war, Japan will not find the Indies undefended.

Military airports dot the islands, each protected by heavy guns. The naval base in Java is well fortified, forms the base for the Netherlands' fleet of cruisers, subs and destroyers, patrolling the area. Military preparedness and industrial mobilization are well under way.

And 500,000 Europeans living in the Indies are determined not to share the fate of the mother country. Japan may covet the Indies' oil, tin, rubber and quinine, but Nippon won't get it without a fight.



AUSTRALIA'S KOALAS FACING EXTINCTION

THE REAL live "Teddy Bear," the Australian koala, pictured on the stamp above, is fighting its greatest battle. And the humans, who almost exterminated this friendly, harmless little ani-

mal, are now trying to keep the species alive.

Forty years ago, koalas were plentiful in Australia, but disease and hunters have almost wiped out this small cousin of the kangaroo. An open season on the koala, in 1927, saw 584,000 killed for their soft, heavy fur. Koalas are now protected by government restrictions.

The koala requires a special diet of eucalyptus leaves, rarely survives captivity. Efforts are now directed toward reproducing the natural habitat in protected preserves to keep the koala alive.

A full-grown koala is about two feet high, weighs about 30 pounds. The young are less than two inches long at birth, live eight months in the mother's pouch.

Koalas are easily tamed, make excellent pets. But given sweets and starches, instead of eucalyptus leaves, they inevitably die.



GERMANY'S COLONIES ARE RICH WAR PRIZE

STATUS OF Germany's pre-World War colonies, totaling more than 1,000,000 square miles, depends upon the outcome of Europe's present conflict. Most of the territory is in Africa, but Hitler may attempt to regain control of numerous Pacific islands.

Belgium's surrender may cost the rich Ruanda-Urundi section, formerly German East Africa, and control of the natives pictured on the stamp above, under Belgian rule since the 1919 peace treaty. Britain received the greatest share of German African possessions, but France and Portugal also increased African holdings under the Versailles pact. Japan and British dominions shared Pacific holdings.

Many of Germany's pre-World War colonies issued stamps; others used overprints of German issues. During the war, occupation stamps were introduced, and when the colonies were included in Allied possessions, they adopted stamps of those territories, or created new issues.

STAMP NEWS

VIETNAM has issued two new series of two values each,

one marking the national census, the other honoring the 2,600th anniversary of the birth of the Japanese Empire.

Brazil will commemorate national census with two postage and two air mails. Also announced is a single stamp commemorating the third anniversary of the movement that brought President Vargas into power.

Reports from the Netherlands indicate stamps bearing portrait of exiled Queen Wilhelmina may be replaced by series bearing only numeral of value.

RED RYDER

By Fred Harman





HAPPY NEW YEAR

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We Are Making Progress, Says Nellie

By NELLIE L. McCLUNG
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ANOTHER YEAR is ending. It looks like the end of the year, too. Grey skies, grey sea, dark brown fields and a niggardly, wintry sunshine coming out at intervals, and then taking to cover. Just now it is dark in Gordon Head, but the sun shines across the Straits on San Juan Island, powder blue in the misty light, with pearl grey mist in the hollows.

There is something comforting in the thought that somewhere the sun is shining every day. Now that I have returned all the borrowed books in the house I am in a placid, comfortable mood, having lived up to this excellent tradition. As I clean up my desk (I do it once a year whether it needs it or not) I am turning over in my mind all the things that 1940 has brought that are proper thanksgiving material.

I know there are plenty of depressing happenings which twist our hearts, but why blot paper with words of gloom at a time when the civilized world is making its great stand against barbarism? I am proud to belong to the people who are "interested in freedom," as a young American aviator said to me a few days ago.

PROPER CAUSE

I had asked him why he had come all the way from Virginia to enlist in our air force, and that was his reply.

"I am interested in freedom—it seems a proper thing to fight for."

I am glad to know that we have allies all over the world. Poles, Danes, Norwegians, Czechs, Greeks, French, and people of all colors, who know a British victory is their victory. Germany fights for a Nazi-controlled world. A victorious Germany would mean disaster for every other country, and that thought is traveling on the wings of the wind around the world. The stories of German tyranny in the over-run countries are coming out. Truth cannot be suppressed forever, even by the Gestapo.

There are new channels opening for women in Canada. The last war brought women enfranchisement. This war may bring them something infinitely more valuable, and that depends on how they accept their responsibilities. The doll type of woman, the Dora Copperfields, are definitely out. Women are training for service as never before. They are learning mechanics, cooking, horticulture, agriculture, ambulance driving. In every province of the Dominion trained companies of women are asking the government to recognize them as part of our fighting forces. Britain has done this. So have other countries. A few pessimists in Canada are still fearful that women army cooks would cause trouble. (A pessimist is a person who, when faced with two evils, takes both.) "Let well enough alone," a nervous army man said to a friend of mine who ventured to advocate a women's army corps to do laundry work and cooking. But it will come.

1,700 WOMEN VOLUNTEERS

I understand that this province of British Columbia has 1,700 women trained at their own expense. Their employment would release men for active service. In the last war the Scottish Women's Hospital, one of the most celebrated medical units in the war, when offered to the British War Office, was refused and had to serve with the Serbian army.

We are making progress. That would not happen today. In Halifax there is a volunteer women's laundry, where any soldier or sailor (not officers) can bring his bag of laundry and have his garments washed and mended, free of charge.

The adaptability of the British people is an inspiration to us in Canada. Led by the King and Queen, the attitude of the British people challenges the world and has the German ruler dumfounded.

We have learned more in the last year than we have for many years before. We know more about our fellow men—their hopes, their disappointments. We have a closer association with our neighbors south of the border. Great words have been spoken in our hearing in this year of 1940, and we have risen to them to the eternal shriving of our own hearts.

YOUNG COUNTRY SPEAKS

When we listen to Winston Churchill and his declaration of faith, it becomes ours. And now we listen to the voices of our own people: Canada is a young coun-

try, and a young voice on the air waves a few weeks ago put the case as clearly and as eloquently as the great Winston Churchill himself could have done. This young voice was telling us about the real issues of the war. I quote:

"It is Churchill against Hitler. It is some measure of the truth against the lie. It is England's green and pleasant land against the darkness of the German forest, where the tribes are gathering again and chanting their gibberish. It is quiet humor against the harsh Nazi laugh. It is courage against frenzy. It is the law against the pogrom. It is the hope of the world against the call of the wild."

"The call of the wild must not prevail. Canada is doing her part but she must do more. There are only 11,000,000 of us, but the issue is largely up to us. We must see to it for our own sake, and our children's sake, that the words 'not enough machines' do not go calling and calling into history."

These are the words of Matt Halton, born in Pincher Creek, Alberta, who now speaks once a week to Canada.

Not enough machines!

WE MUST SACRIFICE

That must not be. We must sacrifice, and give, and work, and stop every bit of waste that saps our strength or our resources.

This year we saw miracles. Let us not try to explain some of the happenings any other way. If we are willing to work with God we shall see others. But God does not do for us what we are capable of doing for ourselves. So there is no use praying for a miracle unless we are working for it, too. If we have convictions,

let us implement them with the sweat of our brows, or the sweat of our brains, or both!

The heaviest clog on the wheels of progress are the good people who have convictions and do nothing about it. We can all see how evil a thing this is when we think of what has happened in Germany. The intellectuals of Germany have known that Hitler's ways are evil ways. But they did nothing about it. They heeded him, and bowed to him, stifling their convictions. They tried to convince themselves that he must be right, he was so successful.

And let us not forget that the Christian world was guilty of doing nothing when Italy attacked Ethiopia. We beat our breasts, and said it was a brutal attack, but though the League of Nations had a sanctions clause to deal with aggressors, they did nothing! Or shall I say, we did nothing?

I heard the countries in 1938 making their excuses at the League Assembly, and it made sorry listening. The argument was that nations must be allowed to mind their own business and decide for themselves whether they should impose sanctions.

In the light of what is happening today to the Italian army at the hands of the Greeks, we see how foolishly frightened we were! Now that's past, and can't be retrieved. But let us learn from it, and not have to weep over our blindness in the years to come when we look back at 1941. Let us remember Emerson's quatrain:

Though love repine, and reason chafe
There came a voice without reply—
"Tis man's perdition to be safe
When for the truth he ought to die."

This Was Lord Lothian

By W. ORTON LEWSON

THE PASSING ON of Lord Lothian, British Ambassador at Washington, recalls an enchanting hour I spent with him a little over a year ago.

Chancing to be in Washington, I had sent him a note to that effect and enclosed a current release of mine which happened to contain an anecdote about Cecil Rhodes of South African fame, and the founder of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, of which Lord Lothian had been secretary previously to going to Washington.

I knew how busy he was, but wrote that if he had a few minutes to give me, I should be delighted. If he hadn't, I should understand. I may mention that I had met him in the days when he was Philip Kerr, private secretary to David Lloyd George—during the first World War.

LITTLE FORMALITY

Well, I got word from him to call at the embassy that evening at 5.45. Needless to say, I was there on time. Not expecting to stay more than five or ten minutes, at the most, I was ushered into one of the smaller rooms and before I had a chance to look around, in came Lord Lothian.

Greetings over, he said: "You knew Cecil Rhodes, didn't you? I enjoyed your anecdote about him."

"Yes, sir," I replied, "I not only knew him; I worked for him."

The effect of my answer was

electrical, and for the best part of an hour we talked and breathed Rhodes. He asked me innumerable questions about him and his colleagues, most of which I was able to answer. I told him that Rhodes had always been my "hero" and he remarked, "And mine, too."

NEVER MET RHODES

It was then that Lord Lothian observed that the one regret of his life was that he had never met Rhodes; that he envied me; and that I must be sure and write every scrap I could recall of my memories of Rhodes. "They are precious," he generously added.

We discussed the existing biographies of the great man and agreed that the best—although not the best written from a literary point of view—was that by J. G. McDonald. ("Rhodes: A Life," published in 1928.) Lord Lothian said that Mr. McDonald, a Scot, was still living, and that every summer when he (Lord Lothian) was in England, Mr. McDonald visited him and they had a veritable Rhodes feast.

As I have said, we talked Rhodes for nearly an hour, during which the war was forgotten. And, such was the humility, gentleness, and bluntness, of this fine gentleman, that a stranger overhearing our conversation might well have thought that I was the ambassador and Lord Lothian the journalist, come to pay his respects. He will be sadly missed. Carry on!

Petty Annoyances



BOOKS AND THINGS

World of Science

SCIENCE SETS a terrific pace in this modern era but science books, popular and otherwise, seem to keep up with it. The year-end brings, a deluge, some of which undoubtedly are outdated by the laboratory almost before they are published. Not so, however, with five important, readable volumes.

The first two are Roy Chapman Andrews' "This Amazing Planet" (Putnam's) and Frank Thone's "Microscopic World" (Julian Messner). Neither are over-technical and both are immensely interesting. As director of the American Museum of Natural History, Andrews (remember "On the Trail of Ancient Man"?) has made a round-up of the hundreds of strange facts he has uncovered in his long career, such as "potatoes are tomatoes" and that fish have their hitchhikers.

As a leading popularizer of modern science, Dr. Thone delves into his own special field, biology, and comes up with some facts as strange or stranger than Andrews'. Sample chapters are "Digestion Without Stomachs" (the story of germ feeding), "Pastures of the Sea" (the story of algae).

Merriman Talks...

THIS IS THE LAST REFERENCE to the one-string fiddle. Having put stop-and-go signs on it in place of frets and practiced for innumerable hours, it was with a feeling of confidence and elation that I accepted an invitation to become a member of a private orchestra in this complex James Bay neighborhood.

The orchestra consists of piano, saxophone, recorder, drums, mouth organ and another fiddle. The Ancient Mariner was on the saxophone.

Three numbers seemed to go over fine. Then the pianist looked in my direction. The Mariner followed his look. Then he walked over, picked up my fiddle and put it on top of the piano.

"It would be a good idea, Merriman," he said, "if you 'did the vocal.'" Then turning to the musicians, "Play that simple thing on four notes, 'We Don't Want to March Like the Infantry.' He ought to be able to sing that."

Apart from music there are prospects of still further neighborhood complications in this James Bay district. It will be over pets. A smart young soldier with a charming bride arrived the other day to take possession of one-half of the duplex next door.

They have a kitten.

That means that on one side there is the garrulous Ancient Mariner with his weird member of the feline species called Mickey, and on the other the bride and groom with their playful kitten, called, I believe, Blitz.

THE BATTLE-SCARRED VETERAN

Between we have the two dogs, Tango the Boston pet and the real dog, the battle-scarred, wise old veteran who now just shows an occasional flash of his old fighting superiority, enough to retain his championship status. Then he conserves his energy for weeks or months until he feels he is really challenged again; not fighting at the drop of the hat like he used to, but like an old stager occasionally coming out of retirement to prove he is still king if he cares to be. That's Spud. Seventy or eighty years old now by the human scale of measuring age.

Digressing from the subject of the bride and groom and kitten next door for a moment to continue about Spud.

Spud senses a domestic change now that seems to puzzle him.

He's wondering if the young boss for whom he was bought and with whom he has



grown up from puppyhood, as the young boss has grown to young manhood, isn't letting him down.

There used to be long holidays together. Hours and hours Spud stood in the bow of a boat with his ears cocked like a figurehead of alertness while the young boss paddled around Foul Bay, Parkville, Ross Bay or other of the island beaches. They roamed miles of countryside and beach together. When the young boss grew up a bit and got his first jalopy—and what a jalopy—there was a special seat for Spud. When the young boss made a move to the front door Spud moved, too, as if the same motive power worked for both of them. As the boss opened the front door of the car Spud used to leap in, and over the seat to his special place in the back as a matter of course.

The young boss isn't around so much now, but when he does come you can read the adoration in Spud's soulful brown eyes. The young boss, with the casualness of youth, may not say a word, but Spud just slides up to his chair, the boss rests his hand on Spud's head and Spud is happy... content. Should the boss later, as he sometimes does, roll on the floor staging one of those

Outstanding feature of the Thone book is the inclusion of more than 100 graphic pictures of the wonderland of little, living things that make the microscopic world. The book, incidentally, is adaptable to juveniles or adults.

Tackling an old question, Dr. H. Spencer Jones writes an interesting book, "Life on Other Worlds" (MacMillan). Presenting a mass of evidence, he concludes: "It is idle to try to guess what forms life might take in other worlds. . . . Neither the investigations of the astronomer nor the investigations of the biologist can help us in this matter. It must remain forever a sealed book. But it is unlikely that evolution has followed a parallel course on any two worlds." Why it is unlikely is Dr. Jones' story, and a good one.

Finally, there is Edwin Way Teale's absorbing and extremely well-illustrated book on the life of bees, "The Golden Throng" (Dodd, Mead), which, if you are a nature student at all, is a "must" book; and "Our Trembling Earth" by Joseph Lynch (Dodd, Mead), the story of earthquakes, what causes them, how they are recorded and what value is it to science to record them.

realistic, ferocious wrestling scraps, Spud's cup of happiness for the day is overflowing. Now when the boss leaves Spud rushes to the door, but when he starts to jump into the car he is turned back with a "Not this time, Spud."

THINGS AREN'T THE SAME

Spud looks sad. His ears flop from the alert. His head drops dejectedly. He watches the car drive away, and with slow footsteps returns to the house.

He is probably recalling that the last time the young boss took him out he met a lot of men all dressed the same.

They were real good fellows... friendly chaps all of them.

They were nice to a dog, especially one who Spud very soon found was a fine chap with whom to make friends. He had a house of his own from which emanated appetizing smells.

Spud just naturally drifted over there and unostentatiously found a corner for himself. In a few minutes the man spotted him and remarked, "Well, how did you get here?" Spud went through the motions of wagging his tail, which calls for him to slowly gyrate one half of his body.

His young boss reports he didn't see much of Spud for the next two weeks. It was an army camp. Spud in his wisdom had chosen the cook for his friend.

The young boss is probably stretching the point a bit—he has that habit—but he says that after the third day at camp Spud would turn up his nose at anything but Thone steak. In any event, he returned home fatter and sleeker than ever.

That was months ago and Spud may have forgotten it, but one thing he can't realize is why the boss goes off without him now, especially when he doesn't see much of him these days.

Spud doesn't realize there's a war and young men join the army.

Having rambled on so much about Spud, the neighborhood complications must be shortened.

CAN'T MAKE UP ITS MIND

It's the arrival of the kitten that may cause trouble.

It can't quite make up its mind which house to stay in, or maybe it just wants to be neighborly.

Spud can take it in his stride. By studied indifference he just ignores the kitten's presence, but the pampered Boston bull, Tango, is grieved. And when anything disturbs the even tenor of the Boston's life he can register more grief, anguish, sorrow and desolation than any human being.

The other day he was being told to leave his place from beneath the range, where he would bake all day if permitted, to take some fresh air.

The new kitten was on the threshold when the door was opened. He looked at the kitten with deepest grief registered in his eyes, saying "Look at that interloper in my way. How can I leave the kitchen when that is stopping me?"

He turned doleful eyes to his mistress to direct her attention to the tiny kitten.

Ordered to get going, he walked in slow motion to the door and the kitten did not move.



Then the Boston sat down, looked at his mistress with a pained expression as much as to say "Are you going to do anything about that interloper?"

Receiving no help, believe it or not, he just broke down and cried... the pansy.

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HUMOR UNDER BOMBS

"An air warden knocked at a door and said: 'A light showed under the door.' The woman said: 'Are the Germans coming on their hands and knees now?'"
"A little eight-year-old to his father, 'You should have heard the door bang when the big bomb went off, dad. It was much worse than when you go out in a temper in the morning.'"

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Electron Microscope, Vitamin B, Opened New Worlds in Science During Year

WAR AND DEFENCE accelerated applied research in the physical sciences and medicine and slowed searchings for knowledge in many other fields during 1940.

In the realm of the minute, the electron microscope peered into germs and "saw" molecules of matter, the search for atomic power from uranium progressed shrouded in secrecy for defence reasons. In the air, faster and more deadly airplanes, a successful helicopter, and more, aeronautical research facilities. In the skies, the brightest comet since 1910, and a triple star. In the animal world, a "new" large mammal, the kouprey, first of major size since the okapi.

Four our health, vaccines against influenza and measles, continued chemical warfare against disease. For sick minds, successful therapy through electric shocks.

These were some of the highlights of science in 1940.

PLANES SPEED 400 M.P.H.

Military airplanes attained speeds exceeding 400 m.p.h. Air-cooled airplane engines developing more than 2,000 horsepower were developed.

The world's largest land passenger airplanes, with a daytime passenger capacity of 42 passengers, weighing 25 tons and powered with four engines, went into production.

Air transport planes began to carry passengers in pressurized cabins above the weather.

New aviation fuels that increase safety by reducing greatly the fire hazard, were developed.

Air service from the United States to New Zealand and Australia was inaugurated.

New air routes into China kept that nation in touch with the outside world despite invasion.

TIME CAPSULE RECORDS OUR CIVILIZATION

Navajo Indians saw their language put into alphabetic writing for the first time.

An archaeologist of today buried the Time Capsule at the New York World's Fair, packed with exhibits and records of our civilization for the archaeologists of 6939 A.D.

War in Europe endangered such irreplaceable antiquities as the Rosetta Stone (London), the Elgin Marbles (London), bust of Queen Nefertiti (Berlin), and temples and monuments in Athens and many other cities.

Discovery in Java of a fourth skull of Pithecanthropus provided scientists with the first chance to study a grown male skull of this ancient pre-human genus.

The undamaged silver coffin and golden ornaments of Pharaoh Psousennes I found in the Egyptian Delta were pronounced in some respects as important a find as the Tutankhamen tomb.

FIVE COMETS DISCOVERED

Five comets were discovered, four were new ones, one the return of a periodic comet in earlier years: Kulin, periodic Whipple, Cunningham, which has attained naked eye visibility as the brightest comet since 1910, a new Whipple and Okabayashi.

By means of photographic observations of the effect it produced on two visible stars, an invisible companion was discovered to the double star system Zeta Aquarii.

The probable relationship between Encke's comet and meteors of the autumn Taurid shower was demonstrated.

Taking into consideration new measures of their distances, the diameters of the largest known stars were recalculated, giving first place to Ras Algethi, in Hercules, with 690,000 miles, and demoting Antares, formerly supposed to be largest, to fourth place.

Four exploding stars, of the type known as "super-novae," were found in distant star systems.

Fifteen "white dwarfs," stars of extreme density, many tons to the cubic inch, were located.

Theories that the planetary system was formed by condensation of a great gaseous mass pulled out of the sun were shown to be untenable by a demonstration that such a mass would not condense, but would dissipate.

The cosmic dust which permeates interstellar space was found to be very unevenly distributed.

The world's highest astronomical observatory was established at Fremont Pass, Colo., an altitude of 11,315 feet.

A reflecting telescope with a five-foot diameter mirror was placed in operation at the Argentine National Observatory.

A telescope attachment known



More mysterious than Egypt's Sphinx are five great stone heads, one shown above, unearthed during the year by archaeologists in the jungle of western Tabasco, Mexico. How long ago Indians carved them and what inspired such colossal portraits are facts unknown. This head weighs 20 tons.

as the "quartz monochromator" made possible a new way of observing prominences of the sun.

A rare transit of the planet Mercury across the face of the sun, last until 1953, occurred on November 11, and was widely observed.

The five naked-eye planets, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, were lined up in the western sky in a rare formation.

METAL ISOLATION BOON TO CANADA

Atomic power, long a dream of science, was brought a step nearer with the actual isolation of minute quantities of Uranium 235, the form, or isotope, of this metal which when once started disintegrating by bombardment with atomic fragments, continues the process with the liberation of tremendous amounts of energy. This may lead to the opening up of Canada's rich radium deposits near Great Bear Lake.

Experiments with the klystron tube using large amounts of power at ultra-high frequencies were successful in transmitting wireless power a distance of many feet.

Measurements of the energies binding together the protons and neutrons of which the hearts of atoms are built were accomplished by bombarding carbon and paraffin with high energy neutrons, the atom-smashing bullets.

The mesotrons, an important part of the cosmic rays reaching the earth and which are formed high in the air when the atmospheric atoms are struck by other rays from outer space, were found to have a short life, a few millions of a second.

Neutrons, atomic particles having no electrical charge, were found to be associated with the cosmic radiation, and experiments were started to measure them at various latitudes to correlate them with other cosmic rays.

A photograph was obtained



The white powder on the watch crystal is riboflavin, one of the B vitamins, which scientists recently discovered is an essential factor in human diets. Without this vitamin, people develop ugly sores around the mouth and nose and a serious, sometimes blinding eye disease, keratitis. Doses of the vitamin cure both skin and eye conditions.

showing a mesotron, one of the heavy weight kind of electrons that occur in cosmic rays, disintegrating into an ordinary electron, thus confirming a prediction.

A new theory of relativity was devised which makes space flat instead of curved and explains puzzling experiments which seemed to show a drift of space through the "ether."

Radio waves transmitted by atoms were discovered and measured, with them such subtle properties of atoms and molecules as the magnetism of their component parts can be measured a hundred times more accurately than by any previous method.

Pressures as high as 3,500,000 pounds per square inch were obtained in laboratory experiments, to duplicate the pressures far underground.

The natural process by which glucose is converted in plants into starch was duplicated in the laboratory for the first time, pointing the way to synthesis of foods.

A method was discovered by which coal and oil can be made in the laboratory from plant carbohydrates, thus accomplishing in a few hours what has taken nature millions of years.

37 SEVERE QUAKES

A severe earthquake caused widespread death and destruction in Rumania on November 10; during the year there were 36 other quakes sufficiently severe to register themselves on distant seismographs.

The most severe magnetic storm since 1921 occurred on Easter Sunday, seriously interfering with wire and radio communications.

The nearly complete fossil skeleton of a Uintatherium, giant

six-horned beast of 30,000,000 years ago, was discovered in Wyoming.

The practically complete skeleton of a young elephant of pliocene date was unearthed in Siberia.

Wormholes in fossil wood, a great geological rarity, were found in a petrified forest in China.

VITAMIN B. ROCKETS TO FAME

Development of a new measles vaccine and its success in clinical trials on a small group of children was announced. New evidence of the importance of this vitamin, or vitamin B1, not only for preventing disease and minor degrees of ill health, but for increasing the alertness and capacity for physical work in persons of ordinary good health was obtained from diet studies on human subjects.

Lack of riboflavin, one of the B vitamins, in the diet was discovered to cause keratitis and cure of the condition by riboflavin was announced.

A second virus cause of influenza, to be known as Influenza B virus, was discovered and found to cause epidemics in alternating cycles with Influenza A virus.

Sulfathiazole was announced for pneumonia and as a valuable remedy for staphylococcal infections and as a possible cure for bubonic plague.

Evidence of regression of cancer achieved by treatment of patients with fast neutron rays from the cyclotron was reported.

"Air bends" or aerobolism, occurring in rapid ascents to high altitudes, can be prevented by oxygen inhalation treatment before taking off.

Signs of heart damage due to oxygen lack were discovered in fliers at altitudes as low as 5,000 feet.

A "pocket size" emergency oxygen inhalation apparatus for parachute descents from high altitudes was devised.

Five groups of eye defects significant in certain types of work and new tests for detecting them were announced together with a theory of job selection on an eyesight basis.

Isolation from soil bacilli of chemicals capable of destroying a large range of pathogenic micro-organisms and promising results with the use of one of them, gramacidin, in treatment of chronic bovine mastitis, were announced.

Successful vein grafting or splicing was accomplished with the aid of the anti-blood clotting chemical heparin.

Sulfanilylguanidine was announced as a promising remedy for bacillary dysentery and other intestinal infections.

Test-tube transformation, for the first time, of living mam-



Power from atoms advanced a step nearer in 1940 as scientists succeeded in isolating minute amounts of uranium-235, the isotope of this element which may be used in the future to drive our engines. Here scientists examine the tiny electric oven in which uranium tetrachloride is vaporized, as one of the first steps in separating U-235. In background is the mass spectrometer.

malian cells into cells of apparently radically different type which may be cancer cells was achieved by methylcholanthrene treatment in search for the secret of the change of normal cells into cancer cells and suggested that a change in the cell membrane may be crucial to cancer cells under chemical treatment.

Cancer-causing substances, it was announced, have been extracted from the presumably healthy livers of cancer patients and, apparently for the first time, from human breast cancers.

Antibodies that can inactivate influenza virus were discovered in human nasal secretions and seen as a possible protection along with a change seen during influenza in the cells of respiratory mucous membrane of ferrets.

Cirrhosis of the liver in rabbits was produced by a diet lacking in a substance found in yeast and thought to be choline.

Evidence showing that the liver is of fundamental importance in the formation of prothrombin and in the metabolism of vitamin K was reported.

TELEVISION IN NATURAL COLOR

It was found possible to predict three months in advance the best frequencies to use for dependable radio transmission. Recorded music of orchestra, organ and choir was reproduced with its original tonal range and spatial sense, and a ten-fold greater range of loudness.

Television by radio in natural color, using a single channel, was accomplished.

New dustless and sliverless copper was developed to reduce short circuits in electric wiring.

The biggest steam turbine made since 1930, capable of 80,000 kilowatts, was completed.

New values of the viscosity of steam at high pressures and temperatures were made available.

tion acts on more than two elements.

ELECTRIC SHOCK FOR MENTAL DISEASES

Electric shock therapy, a method of treating mental disease by passing an electric current directly through the brain, was introduced.

The ink blot test, familiar as a measure of imagination, was used successfully to predict which mental patients would respond to insulin shock treatment, and to distinguish neurotics from those with uncomplicated mental disease.

Actual measurement of how an individual behaves when approaching a nervous breakdown was made possible by a new technique developed in experiments with animals.

Brain waves were put to practical use in the rejection of would-be pilots with brain waves believed characteristic of epilepsy.

All individuals, regardless of age, sex, or state of mind, are equally sensitive to pain, it was discovered by a new technique which opens the door to new laboratory experiments on the effects of pain-relieving drugs.

Hunger does not exist as a single manifestation, it was found; instead there are at least 10 specific hungers, for protein, fat, carbohydrate, water, oxygen, salt, phosphorus, sodium, calcium and the vitamin B complex.

The span of visual attention, that is the number of dots that can be seen in a fraction of a second, was shown to depend on the exposure time and the light intensity; the shorter the exposure time, the greater is the light intensity required.

The excitability of the visual receptor was found to be cyclic, even with constant stimulation; at the end of the cycle the receptor discharges, and thereafter requires recovery during another cycle before it discharges again.

FOUR-COLOR PROBLEM EXTENDS

In the so-called four-color problem it was shown that any map on a sphere containing 35 or fewer regions can be colored with four colors; this is an extension of 4 beyond the number 31 reported in 1938.

It was shown that a square can be cut up into a finite number of smaller squares no two of which are of the same size.

A computing machine was developed for multiplying and dividing complex numbers, constructed largely of telephone relays and switches.

An automatic machine to play the mathematical game of Nim was constructed and exhibited.

The fundamental algebraic notion of a group under an operation of multiplication was widened in various ways, notably in order to include cases where the opera-

Canada Increases Medicinal Oil Production

WAR CONDITIONS which disrupted foreign sources of supply have thrown Canada's cod liver oil production into national prominence. This country is now going in for intensive production of medicinal cod liver oil which formerly came to North America from Norway and Great Britain. Not only do we plan to produce enough of the oil from our Atlantic coast fisheries for domestic requirements, but also for export to other countries affected by the closing down of European export sources.

In recent years Canada has been producing cod liver oil, mainly for stock and poultry feeding, with some of the oil being refined for medicinal purposes. Now fisheries scientists have developed mass production methods to refine the Atlantic coastal catch for medicinal use.

PRODUCTION INCREASE

It is expected that production will shortly be increased to 300,000 gallons, as against 62,600 gallons of medicinal cod liver oil produced in 1938 in Canada. In all, this country requires annually about 460,000 gallons of cod liver oil of all types, according to the Department of Fisheries in Toronto.

About 75 per cent of the Dominion's medicinal cod liver oil requirement was formerly imported.

Medicinal cod liver oil of good quality can be obtained only from strictly fresh livers. The oil is rendered in boilers or tanks into which live steam is introduced. Pressures from 15 to 30 pounds per square inch have been found to give the most efficient results.

Cooking a various speeds follows for about three-quarters of an hour. After the oil has been cooked from the livers it is removed from the boilers, strained through cheesecloth and then through flannel or other fine cloth and placed in a tank for settling for 24 hours, during which the water drains off. It is then strained, packed in barrels, and shipped to the refinery. Cleanliness is essential. Exposure to light or to the air diminishes the medicinal value.

A number of refineries have been established by private industry and the government in Nova Scotia, and at least one floating cod liver oil refinery is now collecting cod livers from fishing boats off that province, pressing them immediately to produce medicinal oil.

Look, Old-timer, Remember This?



Shot from the roof of the old Busy Bee Saloon building, which was razed 30 years ago to make way for the present Victoria Daily Times Building, this scene overlooks the junction of Fort and Douglas Streets away back at the turn of the century. About 1905, we guess. The tower of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church stands out. On the present site of the Owl Drug Store was another saloon, and on the opposite corner, now occupied by Terry's Drug Store, was J. P. Matthews' grocery store. Mr. Matthews was succeeded by Speed Brothers at the same location, and just west of him

was A. P. Blythe's store and next door Mrs. Bickford's shop. Next down Fort Street was the office of Messrs. Smith's biscuit factory. Hayward's Funeral Parlors had not then been built on Broughton Street, nor the Alexander Club, nor the late Dr. R. L. Fraser's brick house and office which two years ago gave way to the present Sussex Apartment Hotel building. The old Christ Church Cathedral building can be seen dimly in the background. A few of the residential buildings that can be discerned below the Cathedral are still standing.

Study Blackout Problems

By MARJORIE VAN DE WATER
ENGLAND'S blackout is raising new psychological problems for the scientist. Some of them are pointed out by K. J. W. Craik, in the journal, "The Scientific Worker."

Serious emotional effects of the continued darkness can be traced to inability to use vision and other senses for warning of danger. Normal confidence, Mr. Craik explains, is largely due to our possessing sense organs that indicate danger before it is too near. If we are standing in the middle of a field we are reasonably certain that we shall receive warning of the approach of a bull or a runaway motor car. Suddenness of approach is startling and fear-producing.

TWO FEAR CAUSES

The blackout provides two causes of fear. The senses that normally serve as a sort of antenna warning of danger are limited, and strange objects have a way of popping suddenly and unexpectedly into "sight."

Blackouts are also emphasizing the limitations of perception—the way humans "recognize" objects on the basis of very faint cues.

An exceptionally large person

Tree of Life

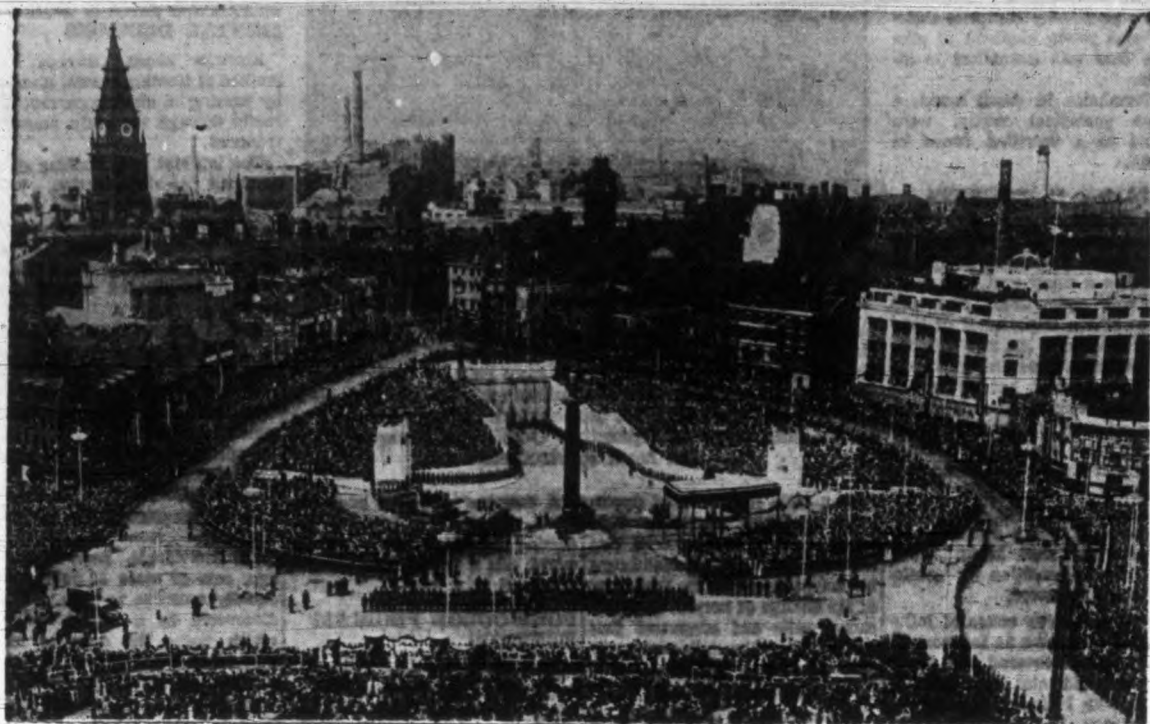


OAKS FURNISH food to no less than 186 different kinds of birds. Acorns are eaten by a variety of birds from woodpeckers to wild ducks, and by mammals from mice to moose. Deer and other hoofed animals browse on oak leaves and young twigs and buds.

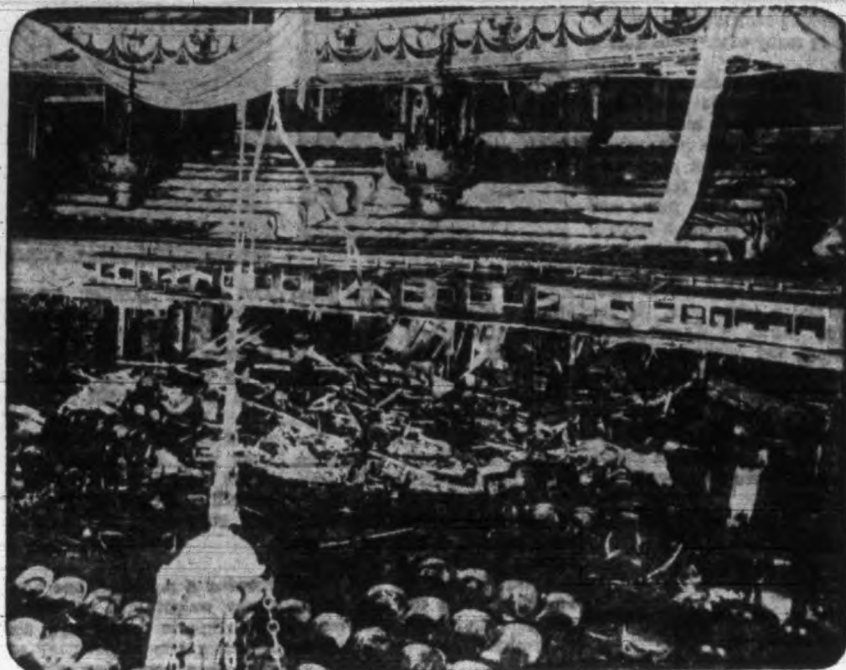
Dr. Van Dersal therefore recommends the planting of suitable species of oaks in areas where wildlife is to be encouraged. The trees will not only furnish food, but can be utilized, when grown, for timber or fuel.

could always be recognized in the blackout. His friends collided with him, apologized, stepped aside, walked forward, and still ran into him!

Great River City, Famous Theatre Under Withering Nazi Fire



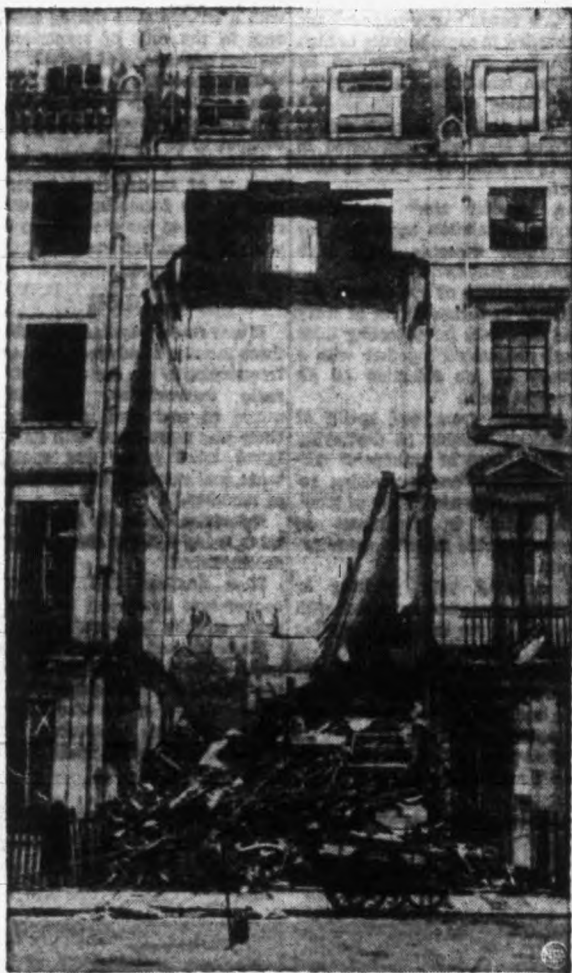
As dusk was falling, cheerful crowds of Christmas shoppers jostling through streets and stores, the Nazi came to Liverpool. They crossed and recrossed the sprawling city on the Mersey, dumping thousands of bombs on shops, homes and churches, damaging a big hotel, scoring a hit on an air raid shelter, filled with people, trying their best to "Covenerate" the city. Damage was heavy but toll of deaths was low. The great port's docks, war factories and giant tunnel, entrance of which is shown here, suffered small damage.



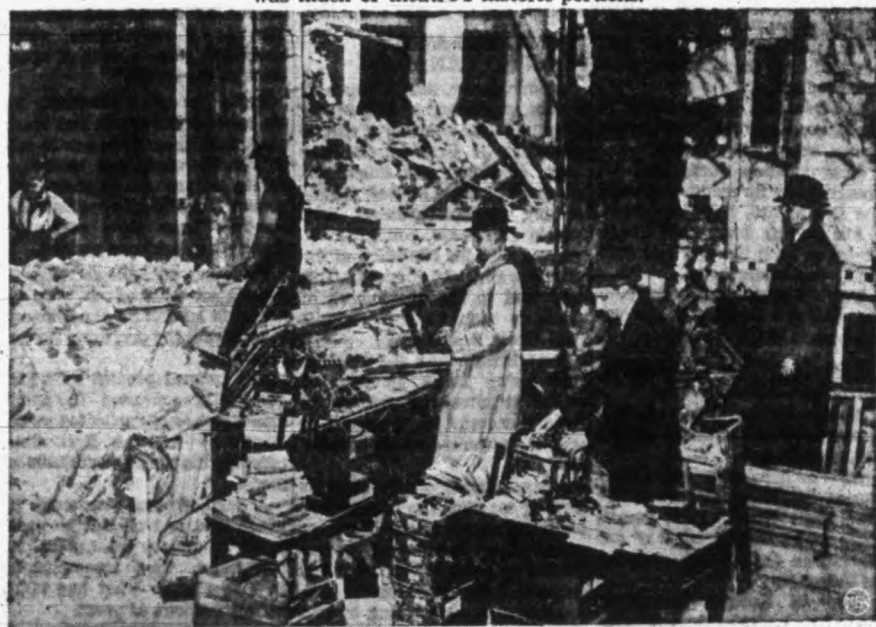
'SHOW' AT DRURY LANE—Theatre-lovers all over the world mourn destruction of Drury Lane Theatre, oldest in the world, in Nazi air raid. Here's the demolished interior. Saved was much of theatre's historic portions.



AIR WAR—Row of private houses in a British south coast town are shown, top, in ruins after a visit of Nazi bombers. British soldiers, below, examine wreckage of Heinkel bomber which crashed after mid-air crash with pursuing British Spitfire plane, blasting both planes to bits.



BRIDGEWORK, BY GOERING & CO.—The "bridge" connecting these two London houses was created by freak explosion of German aerial bomb. Blast blew away all of centre building except attic story.



RECEIVES NAZI 'DEPOSIT'—This is the London branch of the National City Bank of New York after a Nazi "deposit" arrived. Bomb caused withdrawal of most of bank's walls, but staff, shown here, carries on.



DAMPER ON 'ATTEMPTED ARSON'—The fountain of flame lighting up London's blackout is German incendiary bomb being extinguished by firemen playing hose from across the street. In recent eight-hour raid on London, Germans claim to have rained over 80,000 such bombs, setting "entire blocks" of building aflame.



AND I MEAN 'STOP!'—Not a doghouse but a new "igloo" type shelter provided for military police on traffic duty in England. And John Bull Jr., sitting before the entrance, backs up every signal to stop with a healthy growl.



MASKED RIDERS—British mobile police, complete with motorcycles, gas masks, guard highways of southern England, prepare for dread Nazi gas offensive.

Britons Make the Most of Life Underground



Ramsgate, part of that southeastern section known as "Hell's Corner," still carries on in the teeth of Germany's aerial "schrecklichkeit." Deep bomb shelters, cut through solid chalk, 60 feet below the surface, accommodate 60,000 persons and have separate family tunnels. Here women are knitting comforts for the warrior menfolk.



Drive for comfortable, healthful air raid shelters for London's masses resulted in installation of hundreds of steel bunks like these. Occupants have tickets to their bunks, no longer stand in line waiting for accommodation.



Safe from menace of German bombers, this hardy resident of southeast England reads by light of a lamp in his family's section of cave, dug 80 feet under Dover's chalk cliffs.



'COVENTRIZED'—By practically pulverizing the city of Coventry under the most terrifically concentrated aerial bombardment of the war, Germany put the word "Coventrized" into the English language. What it means can be seen in the photo above, which shows a whole street of completely gutted buildings in a great Midlands industrial city.



DOWN'S HOUSES—Wrecking itself, this Nazi bomber demolished two houses into which it crashed after being shot down at a village in Kent. Though Nazi pilot was killed, his cargo of bombs miraculously remained intact.



'OUR PILOT LANDED SAFELY'—This spectacular picture, taken while a squadron of Hurricanes sailed into a wave of raiding Nazis, shows a British fighter a split second after it was hit. Top, Hurricane's pilot in the clear, his parachute opening. The Hurricane is toppling; one sheared-off wing can be seen at right. Black silhouette, bottom, is window of plane through which picture was taken.



STREET SCENE IN BRITAIN TODAY—From early Wednesday morning until Friday afternoon, the Steptow family huddled in a niche under the ruins of their London home, trapped in wreckage left by Nazi bomber. After 59 hours Mrs. Steptow and two daughters were rescued; father was dead. Left, rescuers reach Mrs. Steptow in her bomb-made tomb. Right, her daughter, Doreen, emerges alive.

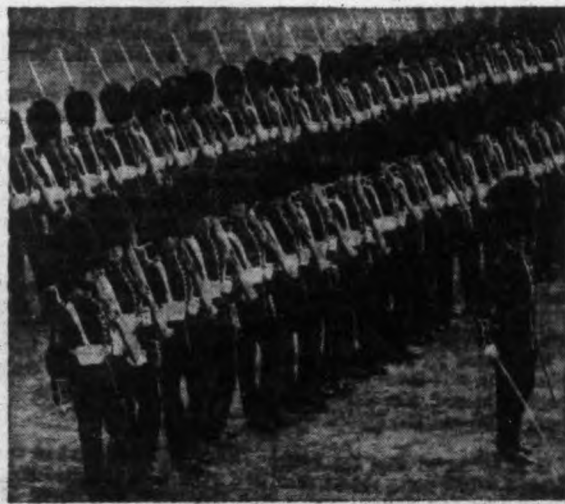


HELPING HANDS—London transport services, suffering from constant pounding by German air raiders, are speeded up by motorists driving private and public vehicles, who give lifts to citizens, like this young lady displaying a sign showing her destination.

War Dims Britain's Bright Raiment



Though practicality has replaced pagentry, the British soldiers are still a pretty snappy-looking outfit. Even their uniforms, though the drab, neutral hue of battle dress, are smart.



Well, it's no wonder, for they are the Coldstream Guards, famed Royal Household regiment which thousands of Canadians have watched in colorful ceremonies, such as the Trooping of the Colors, shown here. In those peaceful days they wore bright dress uniforms, towering bearskin shakos.



War has "blackened out" much of Britain's famed pomp and ceremony. One whose brilliance has been dulled is George Grainer, 69, coachman to the Lord Mayor of London. At left, he is in his former ceremonial raiment of scarlet and gold. Today he appears as at right, wearing dull workaday clothes in his job as back gatekeeper at the Guildhall.



ON GUARD—British lion still stands defiant over doorway to London brewery blasted to bits by German bombs.

City Man's Dollars Turning Farmward

By G. R. SNYDER

History teaches that business, weather, social changes and most other things worldly tend to move in cycles.

Today there is a new cycle developing in city and farm relationships. City people are becoming intensely interested in agriculture, and many are buying farms. For a good many years now, wealthy business men have been hobby farming, and then there has always been a good representation of farm-bred men and women in the city, who are still farmers at heart. Today, however, there are new and more dynamic urges behind the buying wave. First, there is the urge for self-preservation, the feeling that a farm represents an investment of real value that financial depressions or bombs cannot completely destroy. It will always furnish work, food and, if necessary, clothing for the family.

SLEEPING BETTER

Others consider the farm the most economical source of recreation. As one businessman stated it, "I spend less money on my farm than I did at my club; my health is better; I don't have to take any sleeping tablets, and at the end of the year I have some-

thing to show for my money." Most potent of all forces, however, is that farming has definitely graduated into the scientific class of occupations. What with tractors, chemical fertilizers, chemical sprays, plant hormones, balanced nutrition for the livestock, hybrid corn and rust-resistant grains, there is something to stir the imagination and to stimulate the initiative of every Canadian. All these features and more are shown to the city man in colored movies, sales literature and illustrative photography. He sees the farm in a new light and is keen to try his hand at this most interesting of all occupations.

Nationally, Canada is going to benefit immensely from this movement of city dollars into farmlands. For three generations the movement has been almost entirely the other way. The fertility resources of the soil have formed the foundation pillar of city prosperity. Now, thoroughly educated to the value of science in industry, these new farm-owners are applying lime and fertilizers to build up worn-out soils; they are improving their buildings, and in a great many other ways are putting new life into Canada's greatest industry.

McINTOSH APPLE STILL LEADER

According to the official report for the year ended May 31, 1940, the total sales of nursery stock in Canada reported from 89 commercial nurseries had a wholesale value of \$250,561, the largest single item being for apple trees. They numbered 392,158 and were valued at \$101,855.

The McIntosh continued to lead all the other apple varieties and accounted for 30 per cent of the total apple tree sales for the year. Sales of other well-known varieties, such as Duchess, Melba, Yellow Transparent, Fameuse, Lobo, Wealthy, Cortland, Delicious and Spy were well maintained during the year. Yellow Transparent and Melba were the most popular early varieties. Sales of Wealthy came first on the list of fall apples, with Fameuse occupying second place. The most important winter varieties were McIntosh, Spy, Delicious and Cortland. Osman continued to lead the sales of crab apple varieties, followed by Dolga.

Apply Lawn Lime With Caution

Lime may be unnecessary or actually harmful to lawns. This does not mean that it should never be used, because there are cases where it is needed, but lime must be used intelligently.

The function of lime is to correct or neutralize acid soils when they are to be used in growing plants which do best in a neutral or alkaline soil. It is necessary, therefore, that you know the condition of your soil as well as the preference of the plants you are going to grow in it before lime can be intelligently used. Many dealers in lawn and garden supplies will test soil for acidity free of charge. Inexpensive testing kits will enable you to do your own testing.

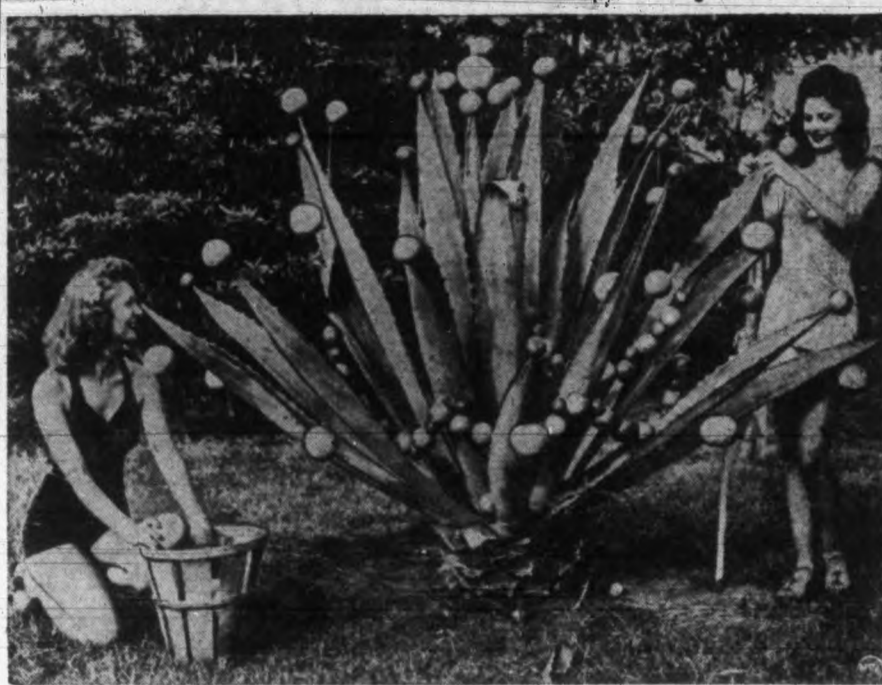
Many grasses do best on soil that is slightly acid. You'll appreciate the importance of this when you know that an acid condition is unfavorable to the growth of weeds.

Contrary to general belief, moss is not necessarily a sign of acid soil. It is rather a sign that present conditions are not favorable to the growth of grass. Lack of available plant food in the soil is often indicated by the growth of moss.

The impression that lime is a suitable substitute for plant food should be corrected. Even though a soil test shows that because your lawn is too strongly acid it is desirable to apply lime, a well-balanced plant food is needed. An application right now of four pounds of complete plant food per 100 square feet, applied evenly, is necessary to make your lawn a thing of real beauty, and velvety green.

Staverman's S.C.R.I. Reds
Took 1st and 2nd prize in hot class of 17 exhibition pullets at Vancouver Winter Show this month. Were sired by 4th generation R.O.P. male. They lay, win and pay, chicks grow fast. Ask 1941 bulletin.
Langford Lake, Leigh Rd., V.I., B.C.

Christmas Tree...Florida Style



Evergreen fir trees being somewhat scarce down their way, these two young women at Cypress Gardens, Florida, decided they just had to have a Christmas tree. This is it. The "tree" is a century plant, and they're decorating it for Santa Claus with oranges and grapefruit.

STRESS NECESSITY FOR MORE QUALITY IN BACON HOGS

Every step which can be taken to improve the quality of bacon hogs in Canada will be of immediate benefit to the producers and of lasting benefit to the industry as a whole, according to officials of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

The urgent necessity for improved quality is indicated in a study of 1940 gradings. Little more than a quarter of all hogs marketed in Canada in 1940 was eligible for A grade. Marketing officials point out that a much higher percentage of A grade hogs is needed to keep up the quality of Wiltshire sides for export to the United Kingdom. This outlet for Canadian bacon and ham is of the utmost importance to Canada as well as to Great Britain. The future of the export side of the Canadian bacon hog industry depends upon the quality of the Wiltshires now being shipped to Great Britain. Fundamentally, the exports cannot be better than the hogs marketed in Canada.

Greater attention to standard feeding practices and marketing at correct weights would do much to improve the situation. Many of the hogs which were graded as B's might well have been A's if they had not been under or over-finished or had been marketed at the correct weights—that is from 190 to 210 pounds. Hogs of those weights yield carcasses of 140 to 170 pounds and it is from such carcasses that sizeable Wiltshires are processed.

British buyers prefer the sizeable weights—55 to 65-pound sides. If Canadian producers can demonstrate their ability now to produce hogs which will yield the type, size and quality of Wiltshire sides which the British prefer, the chances of holding that market, after the war, will be practically assured.

Iodine Needed By Farm Animals

By B. LESLIE EMSLIE

In the nutrition of animals as well as of plants there are certain elements which, though required in very minute amounts, are nonetheless absolutely essential to health and normal development. Iodine is one of these mighty atoms. The iodine contained in the body of a grown man weighs less than a drop of water, yet lack of it would end existence. The small amounts of iodine required by animals are absorbed mostly from food and water. But sometimes the intake is too restricted, and symptoms of iodine deficiency appear.

The thyroid gland is the centre of iodine concentration and controls nearly all body processes. Goitre in calves and lambs, joint-ill of foals, hairlessness of young pigs, etc., indicate iodine deficiency. Iodine promotes growth, increases production of milk and eggs, and the hatchability of the latter. Besides, it improves the quality of wool, hair and fur. Iodine is a necessary ingredient



English girls work to make the slogan "dig for victory" really mean something.

British Slogan Calls Planters To Thwart Possible Starvation

"Dig for Victory" is the latest of the slogans to be heard and read all over Great Britain.

If nothing else, the Briton has been thoroughly sloganized. At first there were echoes of "Business as Usual." Then came "Save for Victory," which rather knocked out the idea of doing business as usual. Next came "Lend to Defend." "Dig for Victory" is a call to British farmers and gardeners, even to those with small plots in their yards.

The agricultural slogans are a real call to battle. Britain in peacetime imports about two-thirds of its food. In war, when ships are so badly needed for other things, more ploughed land at home means more ships for those vital other things. Also, more ploughed land is insurance against starvation if something drastic happens to Britain's navy and her mercantile marine.

SHIPS FREED

So, for the present year, the goal was to raise the area of ploughed land from 13,000,000 to 15,000,000 acres. This meant ploughing up grassland, and the government offered the farmers a grant of £2 for each acre thus ploughed. The result is a fine one, because in 1939 there were only 513,000 farm workers, compared with 982,000 in 1914.

The reason for success is that whereas in 1914 there were 1,000 tractors in use, last year there were 60,000 and this spring even more.

It is estimated that the additional 2,000,000 acres should produce of balanced mineral supplements which protect livestock against deficiency diseases.

Small Garden Area Yields Good Harvest

By CERES

One of the instincts of man, even the city fellow, is a longing to work in the soil and produce something from it. You see this manifest in window boxes high up in crowded apartment buildings, or you find tiny vegetable plots tucked in the backyards of busy people whose only claim to permanency is the deed to a 25-foot lot and a house.

Such planting operations seem insignificant to the work of the farmer or the suburban homeowner with several hundred feet of ground, but the spirit behind it is the same, and oftentimes more sincere.

Lack of space is the complaint of many. Yet, a 10-foot square of ground will produce a surprising amount of vegetables for the kitchen, and where there are little children who need healthful foods, such a garden is necessary.

WHAT TO PLANT?

What to plant in such a small garden? The choice is large, but must be confined to the smaller sorts, cabbage and sweet corn being out of the question. Some amateurs prefer to specialize in a particular vegetable. Tomatoes make a good single crop. Others plant a few of the sweet herbs, which are so difficult to buy in

the markets. They include sage, chives, mint, savory, thyme, parsley and others.

In planting for the regular eat-lay of small vegetables, careful attention must be paid to succession crops, so that two or even three may be grown in the same row during the season. If you plant radishes for an early crop, for instance, beans may easily follow it, and then a crop of spinach sown in the late summer. Companion planting should be practiced, such as early peas with carrots, the first being harvested before the carrots mature.

Flowers and vegetables can be had on the same small piece of ground by sowing radishes, leaf lettuce, young onions and spinach early. They will all mature quickly, giving you fresh edibles for part of the season, and will leave the soil in excellent condition for late planting of annuals, or transplanting of stock which you have grown in boxes or flats.

Such a small vegetable patch must be planned early so that the gardener will be familiar with the habits and needs of each type. A seed catalogue will give much information, and a lay-out made on ruled paper will keep the gardener posted on just where each is to go, and what is to follow.

Psalm of the Garden

Blessed is the Lord who giveth a garden.

There he commands a blessing, And life everlasting speaks. The heart is parched and the soul rent:

In the shade of the garden—the balm—they find refreshment. In the desert places the Lord is also.

In the garden is the quiet beauty of His smile.

Age-gnarled vines with patient stretched-out arms;

Verdure of the valleys of Zion crowns their faith.

Whither shall I flee from the burden of my pain?

Whither shall I go and feel no need of human strength?

In the garden where hollyhocks stand upright:

In the garden where all things look unto the Lord:

In the garden where perfumes thrill my being

With the incense of His Love.

Blessed is the Lord who giveth a garden,

For there I shall be comforted.

MURIEL EDWARDS.

Grain Millet For Hog Feeding

With the development in recent years of varieties of millet which will yield large quantities of grain or seed, the question arises as to its feeding value for livestock. Millet compares favorably with the more common grains in yield, but is particularly valuable in wet seasons, when it can be sown as late as the end of June with good success. In order to investigate its feeding value with hogs an experiment was undertaken at the Ottawa Central Experimental Farm during the past summer.

Three lots of pigs as equal as possible in all respects were fed up to market weight. Lot 1 was fed a standard feed mixture made up of oats, wheat and barley, along with a protein-mineral supplement. In Lot 2 half the barley fed the check lot (Lot 1) was replaced by millet which made up 25 per cent of the grain part of the ration. In Lot 3, millet replaced all the barley fed the check lot, that is, millet comprised 50 per cent of the grain ration. The results of the experiment indicate that millet compares very favorably with barley in the production of bacon hogs. In fact, in rate of gain, the millet-fed hogs exceeded the standard or check lot, while in feed utilization, that is, amount of feed required to make a pound of gain, there was little to choose between any of the lots. The quality of the carcasses produced by millet was almost up to that of the barley-fed lot, the only difference being that the millet-fed pigs were inclined to be slightly shorter.

Although this experiment will need further confirmation it would appear that millet grain or seed in combination with other grains and a protein-mineral supplement can comprise 25 to 50 per cent of the grain ration for hogs very satisfactorily.

MAKE PAPER PLAN OF YOUR GARDEN

Those who have never tried it sometimes have difficulty getting a garden plan drawn to scale, the only satisfactory and accurate manner of getting a workable plan on paper. The simplest method is to use paper ruled off in squares. To save the labor of doing the job yourself with rule and pencil it is an easy matter to buy paper already so ruled. All stationers have ruled paper, and it is inexpensive.

Each square may represent a unit of measure in the garden plan, 1 foot square, 2 or 5 as desired. The first step is to get the outside dimensions of the garden, the length and width. Then, rule off these dimensions on the paper to any selected scale. It is then an easy enough matter to figure out the space you wish to give to different vegetables and flowers, and block off the squares or rectangles on the paper, writing in the space laid off the name of the subject to occupy it.

The flower garden is slightly more difficult to lay out, because it will usually have irregular or rounded contours, but it can be managed with a little practice.

Mark your plan with exactly the types of vegetables and flowers you will grow. In cases where rows are used, as with vegetables, write in the names. Where flowers must be situated in an irregular border, numbers should be substituted. These numbers will relate to a key which tells not only what kind of flower, but the variety, height and color. This latter is important because it will assist you to visualize the garden as it will look, and aids materially in avoiding color clashes.

R. S. Hamer Promoted

R. S. Hamer, general executive assistant, Dominion Department of Agriculture, has been promoted to the position of director, production service, of the department, succeeding the late George B. Rothwell.

Mr. Hamer, who was born at Bradford, Ont., in 1883, graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, in 1907, and that year was appointed one of the first six agricultural representatives for the Ontario Department of Agriculture. In November, 1911, he was appointed assistant to the livestock commission, Dominion Department of Agriculture. Two years later he was promoted chief of the cattle division; in 1933 was advanced to chief of livestock field service and assistant commissioner. Following the reorganization of the department in 1937, he was made general executive assistant.

In his new position Mr. Hamer will be responsible for administering the work of the four divisions of the production service, namely, livestock and poultry, health of animals, plant products and plant protection.

Willie Winkle

The Best Thrill of Christmas

CHRISTMAS has come and gone once more and I feel quite satisfied with everything and everybody. I might have had something different in the way of presents if I'd been choosing them myself, but you've got to take what's handed to you with a smile. Of course I could have done with a new bike and new skates and some tickets for the movies, but I didn't get them. I got a couple of new wheels for my skates so I'll be a repair man and fix them. And I'll be a philosopher, too, like our Chinese vegetable man and say: "Well, new skates would be old ones in a few days anyway so why have new ones when you've got old ones."

We had plenty of fun on Christmas Day, what with presents and so much food that my belt was like an elastic around my middle. I think we had our most fun though on Christmas Eve when we went around calling on Grannie Brown, the Old Maids—Suzanne and Admarilda—and the poor family that lives in the next block, near Skinny's.

Some people may think that because we're just little kids we can't do a lot of things, but anyway we try our best and that's all that anyone can ask.

BETTY, ROSY AND JOAN had each made silk scarfs for the ladies. I know they didn't make them all by themselves. My mother helped Betty shape hers and get the sewing started, but they looked pretty and had lovely colors. Of course the girls had the most to do because there were more women to get presents for than men. The only man we had to look out for was the father of the poor family, and then there were four children.

We waited till 7 o'clock before we started making our calls. There were seven of us and we had the parcels done up in nice papers and tied with pretty cords. Of course the girls did that work, too.

Grannie Brown was expecting us, I think. She didn't say anything but out in the kitchen she had all kinds of cookies, Christmas cake and cups with cocoa mixed ready for putting the hot water in. We gave her the presents and she kissed every one of us and said she was going to wait until Christmas morning to open them all by herself. She invited us out in the kitchen and when we told her that we would have to hurry as we wanted to see the Old Maids and the poor family she asked if she could come along with us.

"I'm feeling more like my old self this Christmas," she said. "and I think a little outing will do me good. Just wait till I put on my walking shoes. Perhaps I'll be able to find something for the poor children."

Grannie came back with some parcels done up in brown paper and she apologized for not having them done up prettily like we had.

We trooped up to the door of the house of Suzanne and Admarilda and Suzanne said: "We were wondering whether we would have visitors this evening. We couldn't have had more welcome visitors."

But would you believe it, the Old Maids disappeared and then came out and they had presents for us. They were so pleased to know that we had remembered them. We had to eat some more and when we told Suzanne and Admarilda that we were going to see the poor family they asked if they could come along.

"Perhaps we should give these presents to the poor children," said Jack as he looked over the box that Suzanne had given him.

"No, no, we wouldn't think of it," Suzanne said. "We've just bought some new clothes and I think we can spare some sweaters and a couple of coats."

"And Addie (that's what Suzanne calls Admarilda), I think we could spare one of those turkeys and perhaps some of the cranberry jelly we cooked. Why do you know, we were very lucky this year and won two turkeys. We were keeping one in the ice box for New Year's but I think we'll feel much better if we give one away, don't you, Addie?"

"I think it's the right thing to do," Addie said. "We've never been lucky before in our lives at winning things."

GOOD EVENING, Mr. Winters, and a right Merry Christmas

A Prize Winner



To compete in a recent popular photography contest, photographer Roy Pinney of Brooklyn, N.Y., planned the above picture, which he entitled "Hunger Strike." To get the model, little Sanford Brown, to display the proper "sour" expression, he gave the youngster a teaspoon of lemon juice. It proved a sweet idea, for the picture was the best of 17,000 entries, and brought Mr. Pinney the first prize, a new car.

Looking Cross-eyed



Photographer Robert Boyd made this amusing picture of a pig-tailed little girl looking cross-eyed at the butterfly which has settled on her nose, and Edward Steichen, dean of American photographers, selected it as one of the best photos of 1940. It's in the 1941 edition of the U.S. Camera, the photographic yearbook.

Uncle Ray

Lemmings Meet Death During Search for Food

AMONG the animals of the far north are some known as "lemmings." Although they are far larger than the common mouse they are classed as members of the mouse tribe.

The so-called "true lemming" of northern Canada is about four inches long, not counting the short tail. Its fur is mainly yellowish brown, but it is blue-grey beneath the body.

Lemmings do a great deal of digging around the shores of Hudson Bay. They burrow through the snow, and when possible they cut down into the ground. Their food is made up largely of roots, but they also eat the leaves of green plants.

The yellow lemming is another variety in northern Canada. Its coat is more yellow than brown.

Off the coast of Alaska are islands where black-footed lemmings make their homes. It is believed they migrated there long ago from the mainland. Perhaps they swam part way, and made the rest of the journey aboard cakes of ice.

The Norwegian lemming (also called the Scandinavian lemming) has a body about five inches long. It is more famous than any of

IN A SINGLE lemming family, 15 or 20 young may be born in a year. After a few years pass, the food supply in the mountains is not large enough to go around.

When hunger grows strong, a big migration starts. Hundreds of thousands, even millions, of the animals may set out on a journey. Down the mountainside they swarm, and across a valley. Although they do not usually care much about swimming, they leap into broad rivers and swim across.

They eat roots and other parts of plants growing along their way, then move onward toward the sea. From time to time they suffer from attacks by owls, hawks, foxes, lynxes, wolves and bears. A year may pass before the mighty host reaches the ocean shore.

Into the ocean they spring. Thousands upon thousands go out into the salt water.

There have been stories about lemmings "committing suicide." They do drown, to be sure, but the truth seems to be that their drowning is an accident.

Having swum across lakes and wide rivers, the lemmings no doubt suppose they can cross the

Starts Making Organ When 13 Years Old

WHEN HE WAS called to the colors, 21-year-old musician Tom Williams asked if he could take his home-made organ with him to barracks. And as his regiment is keen on music, the colonel's consent was duly obtained.

With foundations of old boxes and a framework of three-ply wood, the organ is a real musical instrument, good enough to figure in the barracks concert which the BBC arranged to relay.

Tom has always loved organs, and started making this one at the age of 13. There are five rows of keys, worked by old clock springs, and a pump is made from a disused vacuum cleaner. The organ is more than nine feet

square, and weighs several hundredweight. Its "effects" are wonderfully realistic, considering that the kettle-drum is a biscuit tin, the bells come from a toy dulcimer, and the bass drum is really a tea chest.

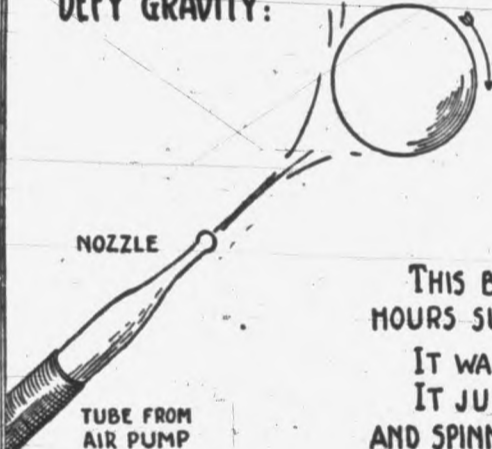
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UNUSUAL BALL TRICK DEPENDS ON AIR PRESSURE

PING PONG BALL IN STREAM OF AIR SEEMS TO DEFY GRAVITY:



THIS BALL REMAINED FOR HOURS SUSPENDED IN AIR! IT WAS NOT BLOWN AWAY.... IT JUST KEPT ON HANGING AND SPINNING IN SPACE. WHY?

WHY DOES A "CURVE BALL" CURVE? - A QUESTION FOR OUR BASEBALL FANS



THE PITCHER FLIPS THE BALL TO MAKE IT SPIN. SEE EXPLANATION OF HOW THE BALL CURVES.

RECENTLY a kind of "magic trick" was performed during a meeting of scientists. Some of them never had seen it before, but others had carried out the test in their own laboratories.

A pingpong ball was made to hover in the air. A jet of air was striking it, but the angle was such as to make a person expect the ball to fall.

We might call this "trick" a piece of scientific magic. What seems to happen really does happen—the ball stays in mid-air.

The pingpong ball is placed a few inches from a nozzle which

sends out a strong jet of air. The air makes the ball whirl around at a fast pace.

The secret of why the ball stays in midair is to be found in difference of air pressure. The whirling motion of the ball brings about less air pressure above it, and the air pressure underneath it holds it up.

A BASEBALL CURVE

The curving of a baseball also is brought about by changing of air pressure. A ball will not curve unless it is given a spinning motion of one kind or another.

Our artist presents a diagram which is meant to show the course of a baseball curve. The letter "P" stands for pitcher, and "B" is for batter.

As the ball speeds ahead, it whirls in the direction of the arrows. The motion makes the air pressure lower on the side of the ball next to the arrows.

The ball slows up a bit before it reaches the batter, and the greater air pressure on one side of it causes a "break" from its straightline flight. That is the curve which the pitcher hopes will fool the batter.



Owls are among the enemies which prey on the migrating host of lemmings. The owls attack in the twilight or at night.

the other kinds I have named. Its homeland is in the mountains of Norway and Sweden.

Norwegian lemmings feed chiefly on moss and grass. So long as their food supply holds out, they get along well in the mountains, but there comes a time when the number of these animals grows too great.

salt water and reach some land on the other side. If this is their idea, they make a mistake. Before very long they fall victims to the sea.

So the great host is lost, but other lemmings have been left in the mountains. Before many years pass a new migration of the same sort will take place.

Ballad of the Armada

By AUSTIN DOBSON

King Philip had vaunted his claims;
He had sworn for a year he would sack us;
With an army of heathenish names
He was coming to fagot and stack us;
Like the thieves of the sea he would track us,
And shatter our ships on the main;
But we had hold Neptune to back us—
And where are the galleons of Spain?
Let His Majesty hang to St. James
The axe that he whetted to hack us;
He must play at some lustier games
Or at sea he can hope to out-thwack us;
To his mines of Peru he would pack us
To tug at his bullet and chain;
Alas! that his greatness should lack us!—
But where are the galleons of Spain?

Envoy

Gloriana!—the Don may attack us
Whenever his stomach be fain;
He must reach us before he can rack us,
And where are the galleons of Spain?

THE OLD HORSE IN THE COUNTRY

Day is a furrow to cut, a load to haul;
The chafe of breeching, jerk and slap of rein;
A field where halt with spavin, lame with gall,
I plod till sunset through forbidden grain.
Night is a shaft of darkness sun to sun;
A bed of straw, a bin of hay and oats;
The stable calm, the sweating harness slung,
The breath of cows, the lazy snore of shoats.
Youth is a lively hoof, an arching neck,
A supple mouth hard taught to hold the bit.
Age is a leathery hide, a loosened check;
The blinker gone . . . the eyes gone blind from it.
Death is a lane beyond the stable door
Where crupperless and free from thill and neap,
My tail untied to switch forever more,
I roll at last beneath the stars and leap
Toward Heaven, a field of millet, ribboned blue
With water running past a ferny bed . . .
In Heaven a horse may sleep. The iron shoe
Hangs in the barn for luck when the old are dead.
—Alice Dickinson Robinson.

THIS IS THE LAST Saturday paper before New Year's Day so I want to wish all my

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND LESS HOMEWORK



Bruce Hutchison, famed "Loose Ends" columnist, at work in his den at "Rock-home," Quadra Street.

GROWING FAT AND DROPSICAL

VICTORIA LOOKS pretty fat and dropsical to me these days. We shall be a metropolis soon. All our open spaces will be occupied, the free-and-easy life gone, our pace quickened to the fever step of civilization, our old culture sunk to the level of the booster, the huckster and the monger.

I tell you it will get so that a man will have to dress properly to go to business in Victoria, so that an old tweed coat and some flannel slacks will not be accepted. It will soon get so that you can't wear tattered overalls in the garden, but must dig in a white shirt as in Toronto (and not on Sundays). It will get—oh, horrid though—so that all the public clocks on the streets of Victoria will tell the same time within five minutes.

The mind reels at the ghastly prospect of it all.

COUNTRY MAN

WHILE THE PROPHETS and pundits are wrestling with these larger evidences of history I am content to walk along the road on foot, in the country. There the humble mind can find out a good deal about human nature, and most of it distressing. All along the country road these days you will find that members of the human species have dumped oceans of tin cans, old stoves, iron beds and bed springs.

You may not notice them as you speed by in your car, but country folk who move on foot find the brush beside the roadside utterly riddled and defiled with this litter. Apparently people dump it in the night when no one is looking and then speed away. Every day there are new beer bottles, whisky bottles and rum bottles broken along the roadside, where people have hurled them from car windows the night before.

Now I contend that this minor phenomenon, which no prophet or pundit would even notice, is a surer sign of what is happening in the world than all the events recorded in the newspapers. Briefly, I argue that if the world is inhabited by large numbers of creatures who will litter the public highway, the common property of all, who will pollute the clean countryside, who will cover the grass with cigarette boxes and gump wrappers, then there is no use wondering at the present state of civilization.

THE MAN HE PICKED

I SHOULD LIKE TO RECORD a recent discussion on a dining-car. There were four of us at breakfast, a great journalist, a leading civil servant, a modest man unknown to me and myself. Somehow the conversation turned to the subject of the new Vancouver Hotel and I, with customary discretion, advanced the opinion that the Vancouver Hotel's scheme of interior decoration was the most distressing spectacle I had ever seen. And, inspired by a second cup of coffee and some toast and marmalade, I went on to describe the design of the hotel lobby as boudoir-Babylonian and a perfect setting for a civilization which was suffering from dropsy.

The unknown man listened politely, sipping his coffee. When I was quite finished and exhausted, he said very quietly: "I'm very glad to get your view of the hotel. I was the architect."

There are 11,500,000 people in Canada. Out of all them I had to choose the architect. I hid in the smoker the rest of the trip, behind a newspaper. The trouble with this country is that it's too small.

HITLER AND WILHELM

WE ARE POOR HATERS, of course, very poor haters. Why, with us old Kaiser Bill, who used to be Satan's right-hand man and was thought to have a cloven hoof, has become a kind of genial mantel-shelf ornament which we wouldn't think of disturbing.

If he were to come to America in a farewell vaudeville tour I don't doubt that it would be a smash hit at the box office. He would address every luncheon club on the continent, golden keys to the city would be presented him at every tank town, and Miss Lamarr would be photographed kissing him on a sound stage in Hollywood. Good Old Bill.

So many worse fellows have strode across the stage lately that any villain of a past age looks pallid and anaemic now. The world has degenerated so steadily that everybody who lived in 1917 looks like a gentleman in

retrospect. Compared with Comrade Joe, Trotsky looked like a gentleman, and when he took to wearing English tweeds and plus-fours we knew that, at heart, he must be all right.

Compared with Hitler, Mr. Hohenzollern looks like a romantic toy king out of Graustark. The world has been getting steadily worse.

REVENGE

A PSYCHOLOGIST in Chicago has just discovered a vital fact of modern life. He has explained the Christmas tie.

There are quite a lot of Christmas ties about here these days, and they follow a general pattern. For some reason unexplained in the past women give their men at Christmas ties of a color that they would never tolerate at any other season and would throw out of the window if their men bought them. Every man has felt this curious instinct and suffered the Christmas tie far into the New Year, sometimes turning up his coat collar when he walks down the street, and sometimes tempted to hang himself by the thing that is draped about his neck.

Now the Chicago psychologist announces that the Christmas tie is given to you by somebody who thinks she likes you very much; but underneath she has an "unconscious hostile impulse." Without knowing it herself, she is getting revenge on you. Look about the streets today and you will see vengeance, blood-red, on every side. But the girls are feeling a lot better.

SPRINGTIME

JUST ABOUT THIS TIME of the year Victoria reaches its best. The tide of color rising in every garden is nearing the flood, and you must watch it carefully if you want to witness the final billow before it breaks and flows away into the calmer green seas of summer.

Every country, I suppose, has its high moment—bluebell-time at Kew and lilacs in Paris (so they tell me) and magnolia time in the south and election night in Vancouver. Our moment here is aubretia-time—the moment when this humble plant, of retiring nature and uninteresting habit, suddenly gushes forth like an awkward girl



In the apple orchard.

turning into a lovely woman; gushes forth into an almost liquid glory of purple, and flows down the rocks in a living cascade.

There are other companions, of course—the daffies and white arabis and the first of the yellow alyssum and primroses and white lilies and bluebells. But it is the aubretia which gives character, color and life to the scene, like the star actress in a musical comedy with a pretty chorus behind her.

BOOKS AND MRS. NOCCINS

I WAS TALKING to my wise old neighbor, Mrs. Noggins, today. "You and yer books," she said. "I never did see no good come of books. I useter read 'em, before the depression, you know. I read 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' and some of them classics, and my 'usban' oncet bought a big book from a travelin' salesman, as told about the lovers of Catherine the Great, and it was so interestin' 'e stayed away from the beer parlor for a 'ole week, but that's the only good books ever done 'im. He got 'old of a socialist book oncet and was a Red fer about a

Some of Bruce's Best Bits of 1940

month, till they offered 'im a job as Santa Claus down at a department store at Christmas, you know. That cured 'im of socialism quick enough. In fact, 'is political philosophy, what they call it, was never stronger than three glasses, if you'd buy 'em for 'im."

CURSES

LIFE WOULD BE UNENDURABLE for us if we couldn't curse the government. I should not care to live another day if I could not, morning and night, with reverence and piety, curse the memory of the men who put that thing up on Pandora Avenue. I will go further and say that no man of British descent could be happy if the government of the state were anything but imperfect and usually incompetent, for it is complaint and grumbling that has made us great and happy. We are, you might say, a race and civilization built on the proposition that whatever it is on Pandora Avenue, it should be removed. We are a people who have risen to power on the assumption that whatever the state is doing, it is undoubtedly wrong and should be viewed with suspicion.

And that has helped our governments enormously. For, having cursed them on the Causeway, without fear of passing vegetable Chinamen, without fear even of passing cabinet ministers, we do not go about contriving plots and conspiracies. We do not collect secret stores of rifles and bombs. Having cursed the City Council in an Esquimalt beer parlor, having reverently damned the memory of the men who defiled Pandora Avenue, we simply go on drinking beer. We never do anything about it. Pandora Avenue remains defiled. Therefore, our governments proceed as they please and all is well. More or less.

THIS ARCADY

IF THIS POPULATION realized in the most remote degree what kind of an Arcady it was living in, it would rush forth, shouting, into the highways. It would go leaping down Government Street in the nude. Its goat-cries of delight would echo across the waters, Pagan processions would stream along the seashore throwing blossoms into the warm Japan current in thankfulness for its rich bounty.

England is commonly supposed to be the most beautiful country in the world, and doubtless it is—as a country. But go through the length and breadth of England, go from the warm cliffs of Cornwall, where palms grow, up to the moors of Scotland and you will not find an individual city of our size half so beautiful. Torquay, Clovelly, York, Canterbury, Windermere—they are lovely and have about them a feeling of age that we lack. But none of them has the look of Victoria.

All we lack here is architecture. That is the thing that strikes you as you perch on Mt. Tolmie and look about. If that were a hill in England; if, by some magic, you could erect mountains across the Channel; if you could rear Mt. Baker up in the North Sea, then you would see across the whole sweep of country the lean spires of Norman churches, and the towers of old castles, and fine old stone houses of antiquity. Alas, we have no architecture at all in Canada except a few buildings in Ottawa and some quaint touches in Quebec and Montreal. We have here in Victoria only our Parliament Buildings, the bulbous-domed style of which is utterly out of keeping with the atmosphere and English tradition, and the beginnings of a Gothic cathedral. Nothing else.

APPLE LAND

WATCH CAREFULLY the fluttering hands of Grace Hunter. With two quick motions she can take an apple from the bin, wrap it in tissue paper and lay it, perfectly placed, in a wooden box. These deft fingers can handle 150 boxes a day, a box of 120 apples or more every four minutes, and for each box she is paid 4 or 4½ cents. On good days she will make \$6.

Hundreds of other girls can pack the apples as Grace Hunter does and all of them are working now 10 hours a day, their hands never pausing—an athletic performance that requires not only skill but endurance. It will go on for six weeks or two months. The great apple harvest of our Okanagan Valley is in full swing now and the whole country from Salmon Arm down to the border is heaving with the activity of it.

AUTUMNAL THOUGHT

BEAUTY AND THE RICH mainly smell of autumn and the tang of autumn air lie all about us these days in British Columbia, unsung and unappreciated, because nobody has been able to point them out with sufficient emphasis. Nobody has made a movie of them. Mr. Gable has never acted them. Keats had never heard of them. But if Keats were here now we would learn something of the glory of autumn here in our own country.

What he would do with our island autumn! Turn the lad loose in our evergreen forests where the autumn stillness now is a positive sensation of its own, keener than sound. Turn him loose among the maple trees as they burst into yellow flame against the dark firs, among the dogwoods as their little leaves turn rich crimson with the first frost! What lines he would make about them! What music, what pictures, so that, on reading them, the public would say we have been missing something. What is this about the woods in autumn, the public would say, and countless city folk would go out into the woods and, for the first time, feel the glory of them.

DISCOURAGED

SOMETIMES YOU GET a little discouraged. I went to Vancouver, under severe



With Mr. Pudbury's cow.

pressure, to give a talk to some kind ladies, about 1,200 of them, massed in the crystal ballroom of the Hotel Vancouver. A ghastly sight. I mean, of course, me standing on the platform all alone.

But what discourages me is this: I made a speech for an hour, long enough to exhaust any audience and any speaker, but part of the rules of the Women's Canadian Club, apparently, and it was a most commonplace speech about the state of the nation. I said in it nothing that I have not written over a thousand times. I said nothing that hasn't appeared in every newspaper in the country. I said nothing that shouldn't be familiar to every Canadian from coast to coast. And when I had finished the ladies said it was interesting indeed to get all these new facts.

Now, I take the Women's Canadian Club to be composed of the most intelligent women, as well as the most gracious and beautiful, in Vancouver. And only a few weeks before I had sat in the same room and listened to a great British Columbia industrialist make a speech full of equally well-known and obvious facts, and all the businessmen gasped in astonishment. I say it is discouraging.

What I wonder is how people spend their spare time. What do they read? And if they read the papers, don't they remember any of it? What a state the nation has reached, in fact, when people will gather around and listen to fellows like me.

RELIEF

COMING BACK TO YOUR garden for a few days after the Great American Saga of 35 nights on a Pullman car, is like coming into a strange country that you have never seen before. It is hard to believe that such things can be; such things, I mean, as the first thin green shoots of snowdrops and crocus, after the sweep of blizzard across the prairies; such things as a last blue gentian still in bloom after paying \$1.50 on Madison Avenue for seven anemic chrysanthemums.

Today I found a bird's nest in the crotch of a little tree, a frail bundle of twigs and horsehair from George Pudbury's barn. Out of it had flown a pair of young robins which now doubtless are wintering in California. What a dwelling, this little nest, for freedom, for a spacious view of the world.

It seems incredible that only two weeks ago we spent our Sunday in an apartment 20 floors from the ground, with cocktails, a pair of tired professional pianists, an actress who could sing extemporaneous songs about you in rhyme; an American millionaire whose hobby was playing the traps, and an eminent industrialist who could do a very



Before Drake's statue at Plymouth Hoe.

good tap dance. The robins know how to live so much better.

GARDEN NOTE

ONE WORD OF PROTEST I would like to utter against the pictures that litter the papers and magazines these days. I mean the pictures of gentlemen and ladies in gardening clothes, with gloves on their hands, kneeling in graceful postures over beds of geraniums. These advertisements may thrill the ignorant populace, may make frail minds rush out and buy fertilizers and lawn mowers, but this isn't life, my friends, this isn't life.

Nature, for deep reasons of its own, in a kind of universal leveling, a true democracy and a perfect humility, will only respond to gardeners wearing the most unsuitable garments, torn pants, battered hats and broken shoes. And never be deceived by the pictures of beautiful ladies in fancy hats caressing an azalea. No azalea ever bloomed for such a radiant creature; but nature, with a fine sense of justice, will turn out its fairest blossoms for a homely woman of middle-age, wearing last year's tea dress and some tattered old dancing slippers.

"SAME DEAD LEVEL"

AND WHEN HALIFAX suggests that Ottawa is always tight, Ottawa, instead of glorying in a unique reputation, instead of boasting of a sin which it has not achieved gets mad and says Halifax is sodden with rum. That's the trouble. No Canadian city is sinful, none is tight, none is sodden with rum. All are of the same dead level of respectability and uniformity and local fury. All except Victoria, of course. It is unique, and don't let Winnipeg, Ottawa or Calgary tell you different.

GREAT MEN ON PARADE

I HAVE NEVER been on terms of intimacy with the great. I wouldn't know how to talk to them. But I once asked Mr. Roosevelt some questions and he answered them like an editorial in the New York Times, with a quip, at the end, out of the New Yorker. But I wouldn't imagine he talks like that to Mr. King. And Mr. King talks in his own house very much as you or I would talk, though perhaps not as much or



Converted at last, from worm to fly fishing.

so positively with such confidence in his own opinions.

Perhaps it is just as well that you and I don't know how the great talk and behave among themselves. It is better that we should see them only in their microphone moments, when they have everything prepared in advance, every cadence rehearsed, every expression tried out for flaws. If everybody knew that no one is a Superman over the breakfast table it would probably undermine democracy.

BACK TO MONOTONY

THE WORLD, I SUPPOSE, is now back into its routine after the distractions of the Christmas and New Year holidays. What a relief it is! Our habit is to complain all our lives against the monotony of life, and yet it is the only thing that keeps us going at all. We are made to be monotonous creatures, like all other living things. It is only after a spell of something else, of excitement and distraction, that we fully appreciate the blessedness of the humdrum.

I mean to say, fancy living like Christmas all the time. Imagine, if you can, what it would be like to eat roast turkey every night and to wear a paper hat and sing carols. Consider the fate of a man condemned to spend all his life like the week between Christmas and New Year's with a glass in his hand.

No, we are not strong enough, robust and hungry enough, to stand it. The only thing that keeps us going is compulsion, the necessity of doing something every day at a certain time and no other. If we had the right to do as we pleased, all the time, we would never do anything and, what is more important, we would be quite miserable.

That is why I look to the new age of leisure ahead of us with some horror. It will probably destroy the race when every day is Christmas or New Year's Eve, and the only way we shall survive at all will be to put our leisure on a routine, just as we manage our work—so many holes of golf a day, so much dancing every night, three hours of bridge. And then they will all appear as hard and monotonous as work, for no toll is so tiresome as tolling after pleasure.